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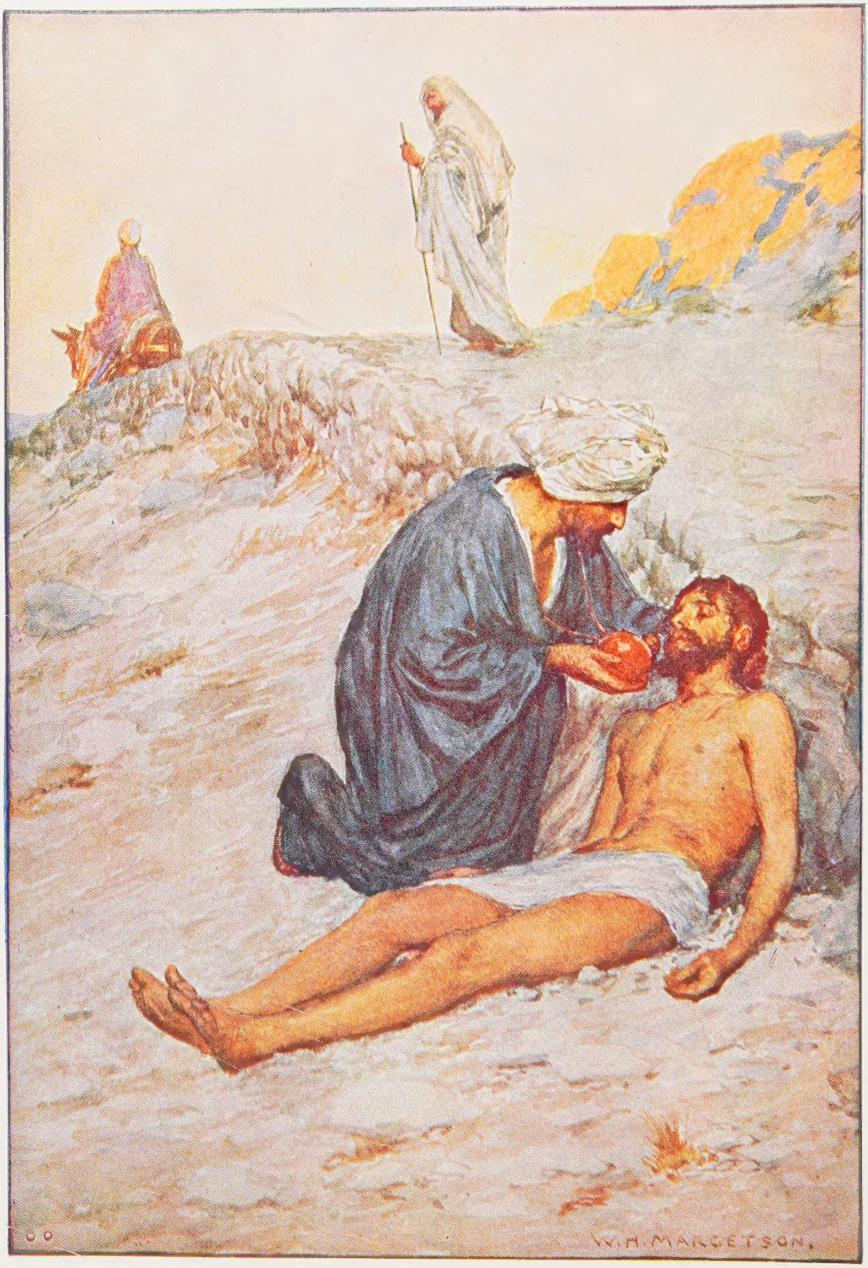

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JESUS BLESSES LITTLE CHILDREN

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Pictures and Stories of the Life of Jesus

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"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. . . . And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them." Mark 10: 14-16.

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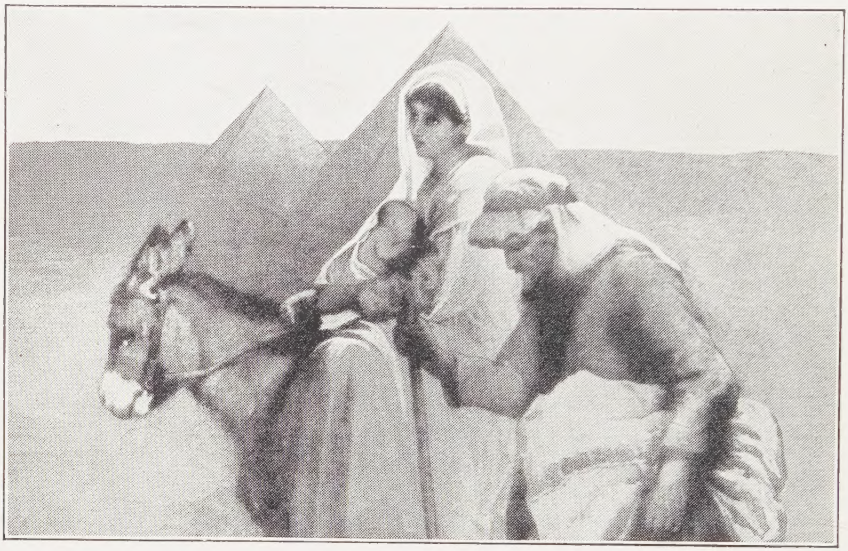

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To the Children
Everywhere

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THE CHILD JESUS

WHEN Adam and Eve sinned, God told them that they must be punished. They must leave their lovely Eden home; the earth would bring forth tares and thorns; and death would be in the world. "For the wages of sin is death." But our loving heav'en-ly Father did not leave his children without hope in this dark hour. He gave them the promise of the Seed, the Saviour, who would come to the earth and die for men, thus paying the wages of sin, and making it pos'si-ble for every one to have his sins for-giv'en, and to have a home in heaven. No other life but that of God's only Son, who has power to give life, could pay this price.

In the Bible many names are given to God's Son, and these names all tell something that he is to his people. He is called "Re-deem'er," because to redeem is to "buy back," and he would buy back, by his blood, the op-por-tu'ni-ty for all to have e-ter'nal life. He is called Jesus, or Saviour, because he saves his people from their sins. He is called the Prince of Peace, because he will set up his kingdom of peace in the heart of every one who serves him. He is called Guide and Coun'sel-or, because he gives wisdom to all

who call upon him. And he is called the Good Shepherd, because he cares for his children as ten'der-ly as a kind shepherd cares for the sheep and lambs of his flock.

The people might have for-got'ten, as time went on, that the Saviour was coming; but God taught them to offer sac'ri-fi-ces, to remind them that the blood of his Son would some day be shed for their sins. He also sent good men, called prophets, to teach the people that the Saviour was coming. Not only did these men tell when he would come, but they told even the name of the little village where he would be born.

The prophets also taught the Jews that before the Saviour began to preach, a good man would be raised up to urge the people to repent of their sins, and get ready to meet him. This man, when he came, was called John the Baptist.

And now the time so long ex-pect'ed was very near. Though the Jews lived in their own country, they were re'al-ly servants to the Romans; and a Roman king, Herod, ruled over them. This Herod was a wicked and cruel man; yet he pre-tend'ed to worship God, and to be a great friend to the Jews.

The temple, which had been rebuilt five hundred years before, was now old and falling to pieces. So, because he thought it would please the Jews, Herod tore down this old building, piece by piece, and built a new temple. The walls of Herod's temple were of pure white marble; and to make them still more dazzling when the sun shone on them, many of the blocks in the wall were covered with silver and gold.

The inside of this temple, like the one built by Sol'-

o-mon, was di-vi'ded into two rooms,—the holy place, and the most holy place. In the holy place were the golden can'dle-stick, the golden table of showbread, and the altar of incense before the veil. But the most holy place of Herod's temple was empty; for the beau'-ti-ful, sacred ark had been lost long before.

Outside the temple were a number of courts, sep'a-ra-ted from one an-oth'er by walls; and on the inside of these walls were wide porches resting on tall marble pillars. Nine beau'ti-ful gates opened into these courts; one, more splendid than the others, was sev'-en-ty-five feet high, and covered with fine brass. This was called the Beau'ti-ful Gate.

It is said that Herod had eighteen thousand men at work on the temple, and that it took them nine years to build it.

Still the Jews did not serve Herod will'ing-ly; for they hated the Romans. They thought that when the Saviour came, he would be a great earthly king, and would have a throne at Je-ru'sa-lem. They hoped he would drive the Romans out of Pal'es-tine, and make of the Jews a rich, strong, and pow'er-ful nation. So you see that though the Jews were ex-pect'ing Jesus, they were not ready to receive him if he did not come in just the way they had planned.

At the time when Herod was king in Ju-de'a, there lived a good priest named Zach-a-ri'as. His wife's name was E-liz'a-beth. They were both old, but they had no children. This was a great sorrow to Zach-a-ri'as, and he often prayed that God would give them a son.

One day when it was time for Zach-a-ri'as to burn incense on the golden altar in the temple, and while all the people were praying outside, "there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord."

"And when Zach-a-ri'as saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him."

But the angel said unto him, "Fear not, Zach-a-ri'as: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife E-liz'a-beth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. And many of the children of Is'ra-el shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of E-li'as, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the dis-o-be'di-ent to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

And Zach-a-ri'as said unto the angel, "Whereby shall I know this?"

Then the angel answered: "I am Ga'bri-el, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou be-liev'est not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season."

"And the people waited for Zach-a-ri'as, and marveled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he

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JESUS WHEN TWELVE YEARS OLD

came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless."

About six months after this, God sent this same mighty angel, Ga'bri-el, to speak to a young woman named Mary, who lived in the little village of Naz'a-reth. Mary was a cousin of E-liz'a-beth, the wife of Zach-a-ri'as, and was de-scend'ed from King David.

"And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."

Mary was troubled when she saw the angel, for she did not know why he had come. But the angel said, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God."

Then the angel told Mary that she should have a son. "Thou shalt call his name JESUS," said the angel. "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for-ev'er; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

The angel also told Mary that a son would be born to her cousin E-liz'a-beth. And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me ac-cord'ing to thy word."

Then the angel went away. "And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country," where her cousin E-liz'a-beth lived, to visit her.

When the little son of Zach-a-ri'as and E-liz'a-beth was born, their friends and neighbors came to see the child. They wanted E-liz'a-beth to call the babe by his

father's name, Zach-a-ri'as; but his mother answered, "Not so; but he shall be called John."

And they said unto her, "There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name."

Then the women made signs to Zach-a-ri'as, asking him what he would have the child named. "And he asked for a wri'ting-ta-ble, and wrote, saying, His name is John."

All this time Zach-a-ri'as had not been able to speak,— he was dumb, as the angel had said. But when he had written these words, "his mouth was opened im-me'di-ate-ly, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God."

The won'der-ful story of John's birth was told far and wide in the hill country of Ju-de'a. All who heard it wondered, and said to one an-oth'er, "What manner of child shall this be!"

"And his father Zach-a-ri'as was filled with the Holy Ghost, and proph'e-sied, saying, Blessed be the Lord God of Is'ra-el; for he hath vis'it-ed and redeemed his people. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways."

As the child grew, "the hand of the Lord was with him." He lived in the wil'der-ness, away from the rest of the people, till the time came for him to go among them, and tell them how to get ready to meet Jesus. For this child was John the Baptist, the one sent to prepare the way of the Lord.

"ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN"

NOT long after the child John was born, the em'per-or, or king, of Rome made a law that all the Jews must have their names written down, so they could be taxed. Not only so, but each one must go to the place where his fore'fa-thers had lived, that his name might be taken there. No matter how far it was, or how hard it was to go, every one must obey this command.

So Mary, with Joseph her husband, left the little village of Naz'a-reth, and went to Beth'le-hem, where David lived as a youth, because they were de-scend'ed from David.

Many other fam'i-lies had come to Beth'le-hem at this time, and every house was full. There was no room in the inn for Joseph and Mary; so they went into a stable to sleep. The houses of Beth'le-hem were often built close against the side of a hill, with a little cave hollowed out at the back for a stable. When the houses were filled with guests, the horses and cattle could be turned out to make room for late-com'ers.

It was, so we suppose, in some such stable as this that the infant Jesus was

born. And Mary, his mother, wrapped him in such clothes as all babies wore in those days, and laid him down in a manger to sleep.

You re-mem'ber that David was a shepherd boy before he was king, keeping his father's sheep on the hills around the little town of Beth'le-hem. All the years since then, shepherds had watched their flocks on these same hills. So on this night when Jesus was born, "there were in the same country shepherds a-bi'-ding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swad'dling-clothes, lying in a manger.

"And sud'den-ly there was with the angel a mul'-ti-tude of the heav'en-ly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to an-oth'er, Let us now go even unto Beth'le-hem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them con-cern'ing this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glo'ri-fy-ing and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

When the Child was eight days old, he was called Jesus, as the angel had said. Aft'er-ward Joseph and Mary took the Babe to the temple in Je-ru'sa-lem, to present him to the Lord, as was the custom in those days. Mothers who were rich, brought a lamb and a dove for an of'fer-ing when they gave thanks at the temple for their children; but Mary was very poor, so she brought only two tur'tle-doves for her of'fer-ing.

Now there lived in Je-ru'sa-lem at this time a very good man whose name was Sim'e-on.

"And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, ac-cord'-

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AS JESUS IS PRESENTED AT THE TEMPLE, SIMEON RECOGNIZES IN THE INFANT THE PROMISED REDEEMER

ing to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy sal-va'-tion, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Is'ra-el.

"And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him."

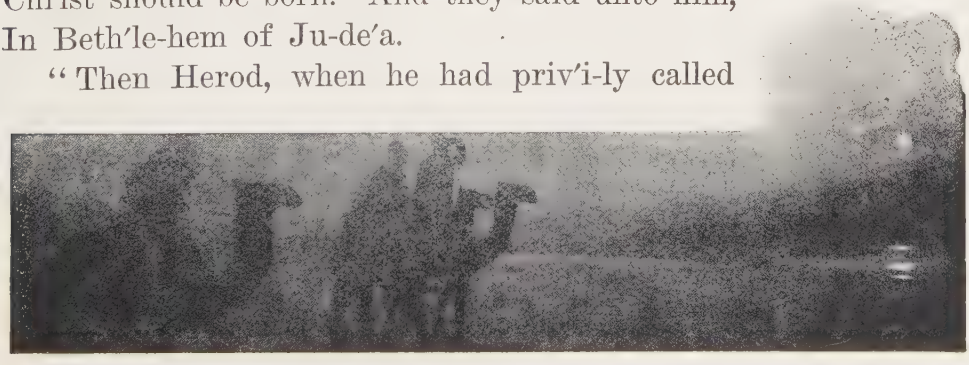
"And there was one Anna, a proph'et-ess, the daughter of Pha-nu'el, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age; and she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which de-part'ed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for re-demp'tion in Je-ru'sa-lem."

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

"Now when Jesus was born in Beth'le-hem of Ju-de'a in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Je-ru'sa-lem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

"When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Je-ru'sa-lem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people to-geth'er, he de-mand'ed of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Beth'le-hem of Ju-de'a.

"Then Herod, when he had priv'i-ly called



THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST FOLLOWING THE STAR

the wise men, inquired of them dil'i-gent-ly what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Beth'le-hem, and said, Go and search dil'i-gent-ly for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

"When they had heard the king, they de-part'ed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

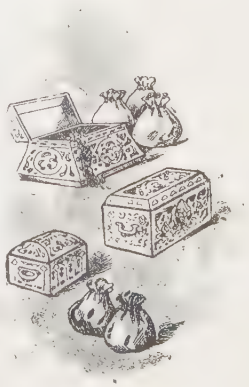
"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceed'ing great joy.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they pre-sent'ed unto him gifts; gold, and frank'in-cense, and myrrh.

"And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they de-part'ed into their own country an-oth'er way."

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was ex-ceed'ing wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Beth'le-hem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, ac-cord'ing to the time which he had dil'i-gent-ly inquired of the wise men."

Before the wicked Herod had time to carry out his cruel purpose, an angel of the Lord came to Joseph, and said: "Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."



That very night Joseph took the infant Jesus, with Mary his mother, and fled from Beth'le-hem. The gifts that the wise men had brought were enough to provide for the needs of the little fam'i-ly as long as they stayed in Egypt. When Herod was dead, the angel spoke to Joseph again, and said: "Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Is'ra-el: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

"And he arose, and took the young child and his

mother, and came into the land of Is'ra-el." Joseph wished to live in Beth'le-hem; but when he learned that Herod's son, a wicked and vi'o-lent man, sat on the throne of Ju-de'a, "he was afraid to go thither." The Lord, who was guiding Joseph all the way, spoke to him again in a dream, warning him of the danger. So Joseph and Mary "returned into Gal'i-lee, to their own city Naz'a-reth."

In giving Jesus to the world, God gave the most precious gift in heaven. Men did not receive this gift gladly; they did not welcome, love, and cherish it. But God sent mighty angels to guard the infant Jesus, and protect him till he should finish his work.

THE CHILDHOOD OF JESUS

The Bible does not tell us much about the life of Jesus from the time he was brought back from Egypt as "a young child" till he was twelve years old. But we know something about the little village in which he lived; we know that his parents were poor, that his father was a car'pen-ter, and that he was not sent to the Jewish schools, as were other children of his age.

Naz'a-reth was in a small valley, with hills rising around it on every side. Some one has said: "Naz'a-reth is a rose, and like a rose has the same rounded form, enclosed by mountains as a rose by its leaves." These hills are four or five hundred feet high, and covered with fig trees and olive orchards and pome'-gran-ates. There are many gay-col'ored wild flowers, too, among them the hol'ly-hock. The houses are built chiefly of limestone from these same hills.

Here, in a very humble home, the child Jesus lived. He had the same sorrows that other children have, he was tempted in every way that other children are tempted; yet he never sinned. His mind was full of loving thoughts of his heav'-en-ly Father, and he prayed often and ear'nest-ly for strength to do right and to o-ver-come' temp-ta'tion. As he grew older, Jesus began to

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JESUS BEING TAUGHT AT HIS MOTHER'S KNEE

help Joseph the car'pen-ter in his work. He did not spend his time in i'dle-ness, but was always busy, either in willing service for others or in stud'y-ing God's Word and his works.

Even as a little child, Jesus lived to bless and comfort and help others. The sons of Joseph, who were called the brothers of Jesus, were older than he. They did not love Jesus; often they were harsh and unkind. But Jesus was always patient and pleasant, loving and o-be'di-ent. He always told the truth. Though sorely tempted, not once did he fail to do right. In his daily life, moment by moment, he was perfect; and because he did not fail, because he was perfect, he is our perfect example.

It will be a good thing for you, children, to think of this part of Jesus' life; to re-mem'ber that no matter what temp-ta'tion comes to you, Jesus has o-ver-come' it; that no matter how hard your lot, Jesus knows all about it, because he was a child, too; and to try to do in eve'ry-thing as Jesus would do if he were a child now, in your place.

"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him."

JESUS WITH THE DOCTORS OF THE LAW IN THE TEMPLE, ASKING AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Jesus in the Temple

EVERY year the parents of Jesus left their quiet home in Naz′a-reth, and went to Je-ru′sa-lem to attend the Pass′o-ver. From every city and town and village in Pal′es-tine, came other Jewish fam′i-lies; for all who did not live too far from Je-ru′-sa-lem were ex-pect′ed to attend this feast.

Of course there was not room in Je-ru′sa-lem for so many guests. All the country around the city was filled with tents. There were thousands of little booths, too, made of branches, covered with coarsely woven cloth, and dec′o-ra-ted with leaves. In these pleasant homes, the people ate and slept during the time of the Pass′o-ver.

When Jesus was twelve years old, his parents took him with them to Je-ru′sa-lem; for at this age the Jewish boy was supposed to put away childish things, and enter on his young manhood. At this time, too, he was allowed to take part in the Pass′-o-ver and other Jewish fes′ti-vals.

The Pass′o-ver was held about the last of March, or the first of April, a very beau′ti-ful time of year in Pal′-

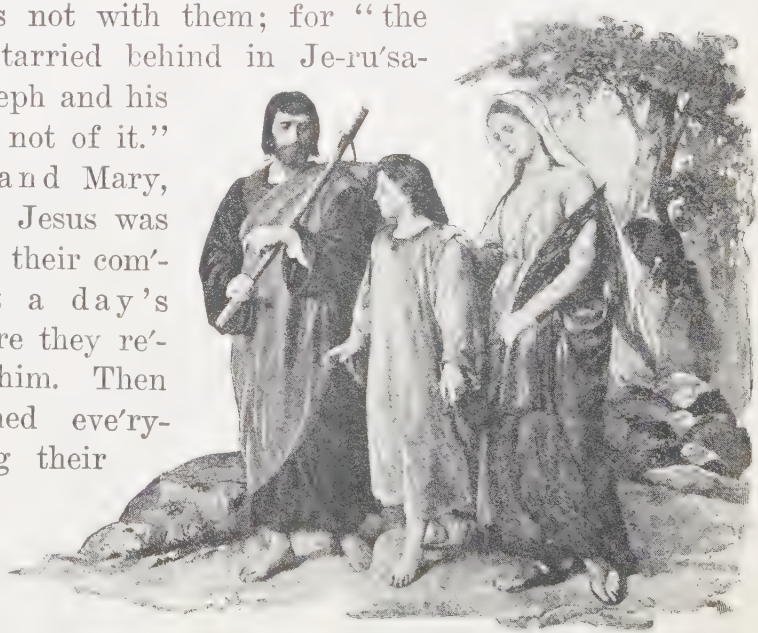
es-tine,—the time of green leaves, gay blossoms, sweet perfume, and singing birds. At such a time, surely, the people would think of God's goodness as they saw his beau'ti-ful works day by day, and slept at night under the shining stars.

As little com'pa-nies left their own vil'lag-es, and passed along the well-trav'eled roads, they were joined by other com'pa-nies, all going to Je-ru'sa-lem. Day by day, as new groups joined them, these com'pa-nies grew larger. Friends met one an-oth'er, parents saw their grown children again; all were happy and con-tent'ed. As they went forward on their journey, or passed places of in'ter-est, they would retell to one an-oth'er God's goodness to Is'ra-el in other days, or sing his praises in some of the sweet psalms of David.

It was in some such com'pa-ny as this that Joseph and Mary and the child Jesus came to Je-ru'sa-lem to attend the Pass'o-ver feast so long ago. And in some such com'pa-ny, too, when the feast was over, Joseph and Mary started on their homeward journey.

Jesus was not with them; for "the child Jesus tarried behind in Je-ru'sa-lem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it."

Joseph and Mary, thinking that Jesus was somewhere in their com'-pa-ny, went a day's journey before they re'-al-ly missed him. Then they searched eve'ry-where among their



friends and rel'a-tives, but still they could not find him.

"And when they found him not, they turned back again to Je-ru'sa-lem, seeking him.

"And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were as-ton'ished at his un-der-stand'ing and answers."

When Joseph and Mary saw Jesus, "they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sor'row-ing."

Can you picture to yourself that scene? Think of the won'der-ful temple, the quiet room, the learned doctors of the law, the wearied, anxious father and mother, and "in their midst" the child Jesus, his face lighted up with love and in'ter-est as he talked of the things written in God's Word!

When Jesus heard his mother's question, he answered, gently, "How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" By this Jesus meant that he must be doing the work his heav'en-ly Father had sent him on earth to do,—he must teach and explain the Scriptures to men before he should die for their sins. But Joseph and Mary did not un-der-stand' what he meant by these words.

If Joseph and Mary had not ne-glect'ed Jesus, if they had not for a little time for-got'ten him, they would not have gone a whole day before they missed him.

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JESUS RETURNING WITH HIS PARENTS TO NAZARETH

"By one day's neglect they lost the Saviour; but it cost them three days of anxious search to find him. So with us; by idle talk, evil speaking, or neglect of prayer, we may in one day lose the Saviour's presence, and it may take many days of sor'row-ful search to find him."

After this Jesus returned with his parents to Naz'a-reth, and lived with them, and "was subject unto them." This means that he loved them, honored them, and obeyed all their commands.

This is the last glimpse we have of the child Jesus. We have seen him as a babe — born in a stable, cradled in a manger, worshiped by the shepherds, adored by the wise men, pre-sent'ed in the temple, carried down to Egypt, brought to Naz'a-reth, and with the doctors in the temple. Now he returns again to Naz'a-reth with his parents, and is "subject unto them." What a perfect ex'am-ple for all children to follow is given in these few words!

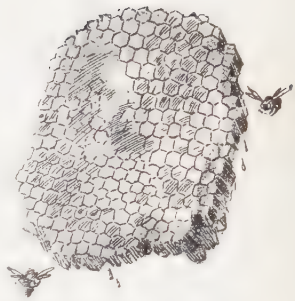
JESUS BAPTIZED IN JORDAN

AFTER Jesus' visit to the temple, when he was twelve years old, he went back to Naz'a-reth with his parents, "and was subject unto them." And there, in that little mountain village in Gal'i-lee, Jesus lived till he was nearly thirty years of age.

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

The people did not know that Jesus was the Son of God; for John the Baptist had not yet begun to tell them about him. All these years John had lived very qui'et-ly and simply in the wil'der-ness. His food was of the plainest kind,— the pods of the locust tree, wild honey, and pure water. His clothes were made of a coarse, rough cloth woven from camel's hair. In this lonely, quiet place, John thought a great deal about the coming Saviour, studied what the prophets had written con-cern'ing him, fasted often, and prayed ear'nest-ly that God would guide and teach him.

At last the time came when John began to preach to the people. He went into the country near the river Jordan, and there a



great mul'ti-tude, rich and poor, great and small, came to hear him. To all these John gave the same message: —

"Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

It was not enough, John told the Jews, for them to say within themselves, "We have A'bra-ham to our father." A'bra-ham's good works could not save them; each one must obey God for himself. "Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit," said John, "is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

Many of those who came to hear John preach, be-lieved his message, re-pent'ed of their sins, and were baptized by him in Jordan.

As John baptized the people, he pointed them to Jesus. "I indeed baptize you with water unto re-pent'-ance," he said, "but he that cometh after me is might'-i-er than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

The story of John's won'der-ful preaching was carried quickly up and down through all the land of Pal'es-tine. In little vil'lag-es far away, the glad news was told that a man had said the coming of the Mes-si'ah was at hand. Many left their homes, and went to hear John for themselves.

"Then cometh Jesus from Gal'i-lee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

"And Jesus an'swer-ing said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it be-com'eth us to fulfil all right'eous-ness. Then he suffered him.

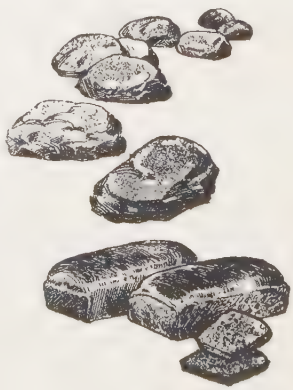
"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God de-scend'ing like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my be-lov'ed Son, in whom I am well pleased."

As John saw the glory of God resting upon Jesus, and heard the voice from heaven, he cried, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

JESUS IS TEMPTED

After Jesus was baptized, he went away by himself into the wil'der-ness, and fasted and prayed. The time had now come when he must leave his home in Naz'a-reth, and go about among the people, teaching, preaching, telling them of God's love, and fi'nal-ly dying for their sins. As Jesus thought about this great work, he knew that he must have help from his heav'en-ly Father; so he went away by himself to pray.

"And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was aft'er-ward an hungered." At this time, when Jesus was weak, faint, and hungry, the tempter came to him, and said, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.



"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but

by every word that pro-ceed'-eth out of the mouth of God.

"Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pin'na-cle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge con-cern'ing thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

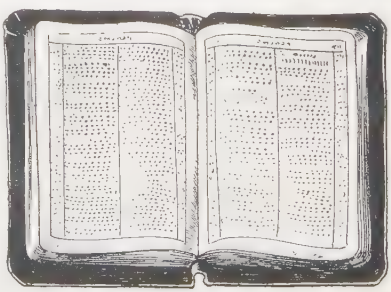
"Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

"Again, the devil taketh him up into an ex-ceed'ing high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

"Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

"Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and min'is-tered unto him."

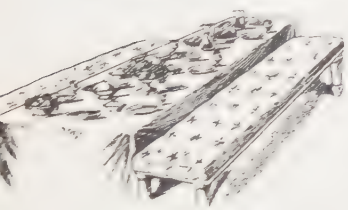
Notice how Jesus met and o-ver-came' temp-ta'tion. His mind was filled with God's Word, and to every temp-ta'-tion he answered, "It is writ-ten." That is the only way that any one can re'al-ly o-ver-come'. God's prom'is-es in the



Bible are given to help us. "Every promise in God's Word is ours." David said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Only by having that word in our hearts, can we o-ver-come' as Jesus o-ver-came'.

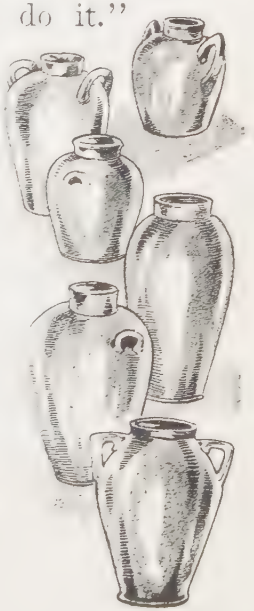
THE MARRIAGE AT CANA

After these things, Jesus went to Cana in Gal'i-lee, a little town near Naz'a-reth. There was a marriage feast to be held in Cana, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his dis-ci'ples were also in-vi'-ted. Food and wine were prepared for the guests; but before the feast was over, the wine was all used.



Those who were giving the feast told the mother of Jesus that the wine was gone, and she at once told him, "They have no wine." She knew that no matter was too small for Jesus to notice. To the servants she said, "What-so-ev'er he saith unto you, do it."

"And there were set there six wa'ter-pots of stone, con-tain'ing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the wa'ter-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the gov'er-nor of the feast. And they bare it."



When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, he called the bridegroom, and said to him, "Every man at the be-gin'ning doth set forth good wine: and when men have well drunk, then that which

JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE

TURNING WATER INTO WINE AT THE MARRIAGE FEAST IN CANA OF GALILEE

is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now."

The wine that Jesus gave for this feast was the pure juice of the grape, which could not harm those who drank.

Jesus did not begin his work for men among the rich, or the mighty, or the learned of earth. He went, instead, as a guest into a little village home, and by his presence brought hap'pi-ness to those who were gathered there.

Very often children have to decide, in their pleas-ures, where they will go, with whom they will play, whom they will choose for their friends and com-pan'-ions. There is one safe rule to follow when we have such questions to answer: We may always go where we can ask Jesus to go with us; we may do what we can ask him to bless.

The turning of water into wine was the first mir'-a-cle that Jesus did, and the won'der-ful story was quickly carried through all Gal'i-lee, and even told in Je-ru'sa-lem.

About this time Herod, being reproved for his wicked ways, shut up John the Baptist in prison.

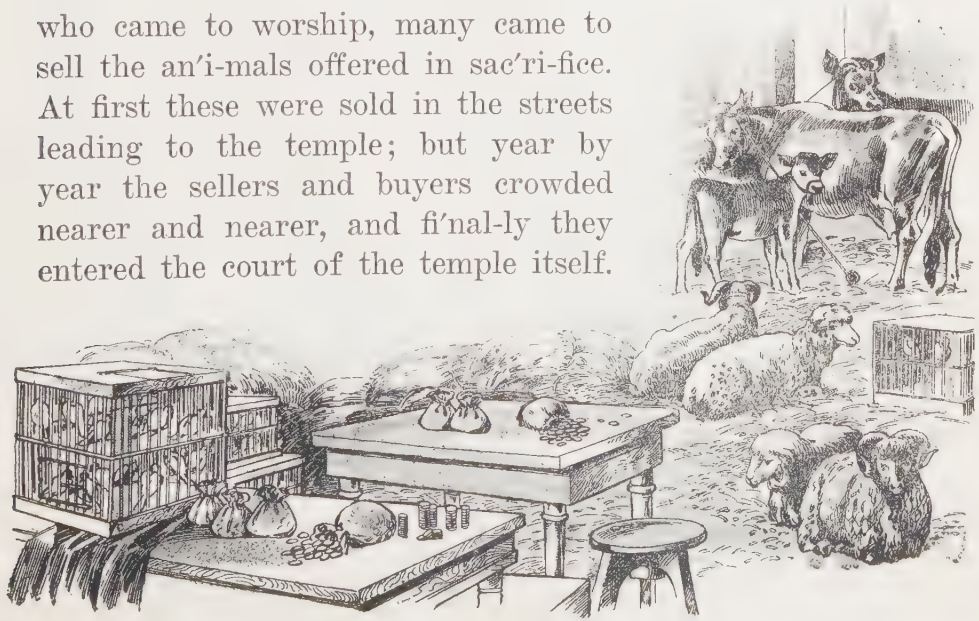
"HE DROVE THEM ALL OUT OF THE TEMPLE"

Jesus at Jerusalem

AFTER the mir′a-cle in Cana, Jesus went to Ca-per′na-um, a pleasant little town on the northern shores of the Sea of Gal′i-lee. In one place in the Bible, Ca-per′na-um is called "his own city." He was often there, and many of his mir′a-cles were done in that region.

Jesus did not stay "many days" in Ca-per′na-um this time; for the feast of the Pass′o-ver was soon to be held in Je-ru′sa-lem, and he went to attend it.

Thousands of Jews came to Je-ru′sa-lem every year to attend the Pass′o-ver. Besides those who came to worship, many came to sell the an′i-mals offered in sac′ri-fice. At first these were sold in the streets leading to the temple; but year by year the sellers and buyers crowded nearer and nearer, and fi′nal-ly they entered the court of the temple itself.



The mon'ey-chan-gers also had their table in the temple court.

So when Jesus came to the temple, he saw, instead of a quiet com'pa-ny of men and women ready to worship God, a scene of the greatest con-fu'sion. There were those who sold oxen and sheep and doves bar'gain-ing with those who wished to buy sac'ri-fi-ces; there was the sharp rattle of coins on the tables of the mon'ey-chan-gers; angry voices were raised here and there in the crowd; eve'ry-where there was strife and con-fu'sion.

"And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and o-ver-threw' the tables; and said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of mer'chan-dise."

Jesus did not strike the people with the scourge of small cords; but as he held it up, and they saw his face, they trembled and fled.

An-oth'er time when Jesus drove from the temple the mon'ey-chan-gers, and those who bought and sold, he said: "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

Jesus was displeased when he found his house — the house of prayer — filled with con-fu'sion and strife, with buying and selling; but do you think he is less displeased with what he must often see in his house

to-day? How many times his heart must be grieved as he sees those who call themselves his children gathered in his "house of prayer" on the Sabbath day! He sees them laughing, whis'per-ing, even talking aloud with one an-oth'er during the service. He sees them trying to get the best places, pushing and crowding those who are weaker than they, or smaller, or not so well dressed. He hears, often, unkind words said about some one else. Think how much Jesus sees Sabbath by Sabbath that must grieve him; and then, instead of blaming the Jews in the temple, resolve that here-aft'er you will always be quiet, re-spect'ful, and rev'er-ent in God's house.

JESUS HEALS THE NOBLEMAN'S SON

After the Pass'o-ver, Jesus and his dis-ci'ples came again to Cana, in Gal'i-lee, where he made the water wine. The people received him gladly; they re-mem'-bered the mir'a-cle at Cana, and the Jews who had been to the Pass'o-ver told what Jesus had done there. Eve'ry-where men began to look to Jesus as the One who could help them.

"And there was a certain no'ble-man, whose son was sick at Ca-per'na-um. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Ju-de'a into Gal'i-lee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

"Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

"The no'ble-man saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

"Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth.

"And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.

"Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yes'ter-day at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house."

JESUS AT NAZARETH

The Jews offered sac'ri-fi-ces only at the temple in Je-ru'sa-lem; but in every city and village they had houses called syn'a-gogues, where they met to-geth'er on the Sabbath to worship God, and to read the Scriptures. They had the same Scriptures that we have, except the New Tes'ta-ment, which was not written at that time.

The books of the Old Tes'ta-ment were written on rolls of parchment, and these rolls were kept in a chest. When the people met on the Sabbath, the chief of'fi-cer, or ruler, of the syn'a-gogue would often ask some one to read from one of these rolls.

After healing the no'ble-man's son, "Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Gal'i-lee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. And he taught in their syn'a-gogues, being glo'ri-fied of all.

"And he came to Naz'a-reth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the syn'a-gogue on the Sabbath day, and

stood up for to read. And there was de-liv'ered unto him the book of the prophet E-sa'ias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written: —

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he hath a-noint'ed me to preach the gospel to the poor;
He hath sent me to heal the bro-ken-heart'ed,
To preach de-liv'er-ance to the captives,
And re-cov'er-ing of sight to the blind,
To set at lib'er-ty them that are bruised,
To preach the ac-cept'a-ble year of the Lord.

"And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the min'is-ter, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the syn'a-gogue were fastened on him.

"And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

"And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which pro-ceed'ed out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

"And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Phy-si'cian, heal thyself: what-so-ev'er we have heard done in Ca-per'na-um, do also here in thy country. And he said, Ver'i-ly I say unto you, No prophet is ac-cept'ed in his own country. But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Is'ra-el in the days of E-li'as, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; but unto none of them was E-li'as sent, save unto Sa-rep'ta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. And many lepers were in Is'ra-el in the time of El-i-se'us the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Na'a-man the Syr'i-an.

A. BIDA, ARTIST

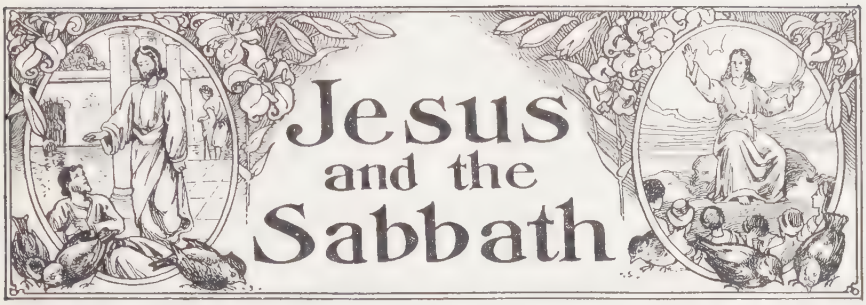
READING THE SCRIPTURES IN THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH ON THE SABBATH DAY

"And all they in the syn'a-gogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

"But he passing through the midst of them went his way, and came down to Ca-per'na-um, a city of Gal'i-lee, and taught them on the Sabbath days. And they were as-ton'ished at his doctrine: for his word was with power."

Angels were with Jesus, and kept him from harm when the people of Naz'a-reth would have killed him. God's angels are always near his faithful children, to shield them from danger, and to protect and help them. How careful we should be to live in such a way that these good angels can always be near us!

"AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, THAT THE SON OF MAN IS LORD ALSO OF THE SABBATH"



THE Sabbath was made at cre-a'tion, and given to men to make them happy. God desires that men shall re-mem'ber the Sabbath, and keep it holy. On that day, more than any other, they should think about him, and study his works. If men keep the Sabbath in this way, it is a delight, a joy. But the Jews made so many laws about the Sabbath that instead of bringing hap'pi-ness, it re'al-ly became a burden.

Jesus honored the Sabbath and kept it holy; but he did not observe all the laws the Jews had made about its ob-serv'ance. If we notice how Jesus kept the Sabbath, we shall know how to please him on that day.

On a certain Sabbath, Jesus went into a syn'a-gogue in Ca-per'na-um, and taught the people. He did not stay away from God's house on the Sabbath; again and again we read that he went into the syn'a-gogue on the Sabbath day. Can you im-ag'ine that

Jesus ever stayed away from God's house because the day was too cold, or too hot, or too cloudy, or too sunny, or because his clothes were old or poor, or just because he did not feel like going? No! he loved the house of prayer, and went Sabbath by Sabbath to hear God's Word read. Often, too, he taught the people.

"And there was in their syn'a-gogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Naz'a-reth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

"And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

"And they were all amazed.

"And forthwith, when they were come out of the syn'a-gogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.

"And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and im-me'di-ate-ly the fever left her, and she min'is-tered unto them."

By these mir'a-cles we see that Jesus did good to others on the Sabbath day.

AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA

"Now there is at Je-ru'sa-lem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Be-thes'da, having five porches. In these lay a great mul'ti-tude of im'po-tent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for

the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: who-so-ev'er then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of what-so-ev'er disease he had."

One Sabbath day Jesus was at Je-ru'sa-lem; and as he walked about, he came to the pool of Be-thes'da, and saw the sick people gathered there.

"And a certain man was there, which had an in-fir'mi-ty thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

"The im'po-tent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, an-oth'er steppeth down before me.

"Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And im-me'di-ate-ly the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath.

"The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the Sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

"He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk."

"Therefore did the Jews per'se-cute

Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the Sabbath."

An-oth'er Sabbath day Jesus and his dis-ci'ples were walking through the corn fields. "And his dis-ci'ples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands."

Wher-ev'er Jesus went, in those days, or what-ev'er he did, the scribes and Phar'i-sees and other Jews were watching him. Some of these men saw the dis-ci'ples eat a little corn as they went through the fields, and asked them, "Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath days? And Jesus an'swer-ing them said, Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was an hungered, and they which were with him; how he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the showbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone?

"And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.

"And it came to pass also on an-oth'er Sabbath, that he entered into the syn'a-gogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered."

The scribes and Phar'i-sees watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath. "But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.

"Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?

AFTER HAROLD COPPING, ARTIST

CALLING HIS DISCIPLES TO FOLLOW HIM

"And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other."

The en'e-mies of Jesus were "filled with madness" when they saw this mir'a-cle, and took counsel togeth'er how they might kill him. This shows plainly the kind of spirit that was in their hearts.

As we read how Jesus kept the Sabbath, and what he did on that day, we know that he would have us faithful to worship in his house, and always ready to show kindness to any who are needy or sick or in distress. If we keep the Sabbath like this, it will be to us what God in-tend'ed it to be — a joy and a delight.

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES

After Jesus had been baptized in the Jordan, and tempted in the wil'der-ness, he went again to the place where John the Baptist was preaching. As John saw Jesus coming, he pointed to him, and exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

John had been telling the people about Jesus, and when he said these words, two men who were standing near John, left him, and followed Jesus. These men were Andrew and John. They were Jesus' first dis-ci'ples.

Andrew and John were glad because they had found the Saviour. Andrew went the next day, and told the good news to his brother, Simon Peter, and brought him to Jesus.

The next day as Jesus was going into Gal'i-lee, he saw Philip, and said to him, "Follow me."

Philip followed Jesus gladly, too; for he believed in

him. Like Andrew, Philip could not rest till he had told the good news to others. He went first to Na-than'a-el, and said, "We have found Jesus." And Na-than'a-el, when he came to Jesus, also believed that he was the Son of God.

At that time the Jews had to pay tribute, or taxes, to the Romans; and men called pub'li-cans were ap-point'ed to collect this money. Often the pub'li-cans took more than was just, keeping some for themselves. For this reason the Jews hated the pub'li-cans, though they were not all unjust men. One day as Jesus was passing near a place where the people came to pay taxes, he saw a pub'li-can named Levi Matthew. Jesus knew that Matthew had heard of him and believed on him; so he said, "Follow me." Matthew did not hes'i-tate. At once "he arose, and followed him."

As Jesus went about among the people, teaching them, healing the sick, and bringing comfort and hope to their hearts, other men left their homes and their work and followed him. These men were called his dis-ci'ples.

One day Jesus went up into a mountain, and called certain of his dis-ci'ples to come where he was. Of those who came he chose twelve, "that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach." These twelve were Peter, James, and John; Andrew, and Philip, and Bar-thol'o-mew; Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Al-phe'us; Thad-de'us, Simon, and Judas.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

When Jesus chose these men to be his dis-ci'ples, he told them to go and preach "to the lost sheep of the house of Is'ra-el," saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." He gave the dis-ci'ples power to heal the sick, and to cast out evil spirits, and told them how they would be received, and what they should do. They were not to be afraid of the wrath of wicked men, nor think so much of their earthly friends that they would not be willing to leave them to work for Jesus. "He that taketh not his cross, and fol'low-eth after me," said Jesus, "is not worthy of me."

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

After this Jesus went with his dis-ci'ples to the sea-side, and very soon a large com'pa-ny gathered about him. There was not room for all to hear Jesus on this little strip of beach, so he led them back to a pleasant, grassy place on the side of a mountain. Here Jesus, when he had sat down, "opened his mouth, and taught them."

The words that Jesus spoke that day are called the Sermon on the Mount. They were given for the dis-ci'ples, for the mul'ti-tude, and for all the world. It was for us just as truly as for the dis-ci'ples and all those who heard Jesus' voice that lovely day so long ago, that the words of the Sermon on the Mount were spoken.

Every one in this world wishes to be happy. Some people think money will make them happy, and they spend all their time trying to get it. Others think that "fun," and "good times," and "having their own way," will give true joy; but if they seek real hap'pi-

ness in these ways, they do not find it. Still others seek wisdom; for they think it will make them happy to be wise. But none of these things can give real joy.

Jesus knows all about this wish for hap'pi-ness that is in men's hearts; and in the Sermon on the Mount, he told, first of all, who are truly happy. He called them "blessed;" for blessed means "happy."

"Blessed are the poor in spirit," said Jesus; "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be com'fort-ed.

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall in-her'it the earth.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after right'eous-ness: for they shall be filled.

"Blessed are the mer'ci-ful: for they shall obtain mercy.

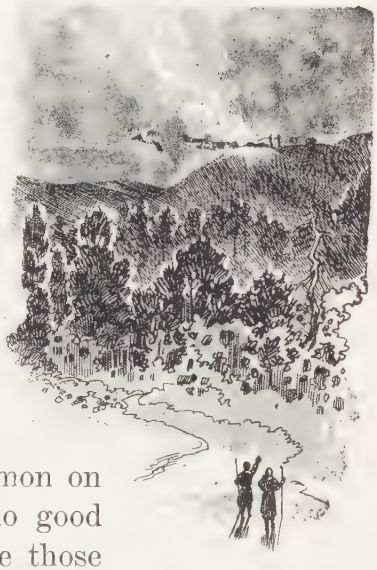
"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peace'ma-kers: for they shall be called the children of God.

"Blessed are they which are per'se-cu-ted for right'-eous-ness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and per'se-cute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be ex-ceed'ing glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so per'se-cu-ted they the prophets which were before you."

Jesus told his hearers they were not to sep'a-rate from other people, but by their good works they were to be a light in the world. "Let your light so shine



before men," he said, "that they may see your good works, and glo'ri-fy your Father which is in heaven."

Jesus also spoke about the ten com-mand'ments. "I am not come to destroy the law," he said. "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

Anger, hatred, and malice, cov'-et-ous-ness, swearing, and foolish talking, are all for-bid'den in the Sermon on the Mount. We are not simply to do good to those who are kind to us, and love those who love us; but we are to "give to him that asketh," and show kindness to all. "Love your en'e-mies," said Jesus; "bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which de-spite'ful-ly use you, and per'se-cute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Jesus warned his hearers not to do their alms before men, to be seen and admired by them, but to give in secret, where he alone can see. In those days people used to make long prayers on the corners of the streets, where all could hear. Jesus told his dis-ci'ples not to

pray in this way. "When thou prayest," he said, "enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee o'pen-ly."

Our loving Father in heaven knows just what we need. "When ye pray," said Jesus, "use not vain rep-e-ti'tions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

Jesus also taught his dis-ci'ples this beau'ti-ful prayer, which is called the Lord's Prayer: —

"Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temp-ta'tion,
But de-liv'er us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for-ev'er. Amen."

With this prayer, Jesus gave a precious promise to his children. "If ye forgive men their tres'-pass-es," he said, "your heav'en-ly Father will also forgive you." But those who do not forgive others can not hope to be for-giv'en.

In men's hearts in those days, even as now, there was a strong desire for riches, — houses and lands, flocks and herds, silver and gold, beau'ti-ful garments, and splendid, flashing jewels. But a love for these earthly treasures can have no place in the hearts of

God's children. Those who keep them, and store them away, and count them over, often lose them. Jesus told his hearers a better way. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth," he said, "where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

God's children will not be anxious about what they shall eat and drink and wear. "Behold the fowls of the air," said Jesus; "they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heav'en-ly Father feed-eth them. Are ye not much better than they? And why take ye thought for raiment?" he asked. "Con-sid'er the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Sol'o-mon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

"Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-mor'row is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

"Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Where-with-al' shall we be clothed? for your heav'en-ly Father know-eth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his right'eous-ness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

"CONSIDER THE LILIES"

One other most precious promise is given in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is talking about our heav'en-ly Father, and how gladly he will hear those who pray to him. To help all to know a little more of God's love to men, Jesus gave this promise, which is so plain that any little child can un-der-stand' it: —

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh re-ceiv'eth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

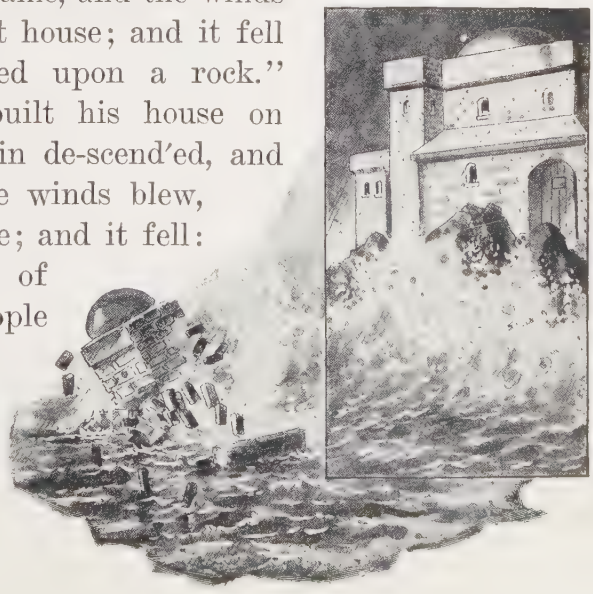
These are not all the words of that beau'ti-ful sermon. You can read them for yourself in the fifth, sixth, and seventh chapters of Matthew's Gospel.

"And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were as-ton'ished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having au-thor'i-ty, and not as the scribes."

THE ROMAN CENTURION'S FAITH IN JESUS

DAY by day as Jesus went among the people, he taught them about the kingdom of heaven. Often, instead of saying, "Do this," or, "Do not do that," Jesus told his hearers a little story with a hidden meaning to help them un-der-stand′ and re-mem′ber what he was teaching. Such a story is called a par′a-ble.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told the people a par′a-ble about two men. One was wise, and one was foolish. Each of these men built a house. The wise man built his house on a rock. "And the rain de-scend′ed, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." But the foolish man built his house on the sand. "And the rain de-scend′ed, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." Jesus told the people that all who listened to his teaching, and obeyed his commands,



were like the wise man; but those who heard his words, and did not obey, were like the foolish man. Those who obey Jesus will be saved, but those who dis-o-bey' him will be lost; for the two men mean the righteous and the wicked, and the storm is the judgment.

TWO MEN HEALED

Jesus not only taught the people about the kingdom of heaven, but he shared their griefs, and com'fort-ed and helped them. Wher-ev'er he went, he healed those who were sick with dis-eas'es that men could not cure, — those who were blind, and dumb, and insane; who were par'a-lyzed, or palsied, or possessed of evil spirits. Even lep'ro-sy — the worst and most dreaded disease in the world — was cured at his word. We will read about some of the mir'a-cles that Jesus did, just as the Bible tells the story.

One day as Jesus taught by the Sea of Gal'i-lee, near "his own city," "behold, there came a leper and worshiped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean.

"And im-me'di-ate-ly his lep'ro-sy was cleansed."

The dreadful disease of lep'ro-sy is like sin; no doctor can cure the lep'ro-sy; no man, how-ev'er wise or kind, can take away sin out of our hearts. But the same Jesus who said to the leper, "I will; be thou clean," will cleanse our hearts from sin if we come to him.

The leper was healed "im-me'-

di-ate-ly." From this we know that we need not carry the burden of sin a long time. Jesus "is faithful and just to forgive us our sins;" and he will forgive them now, if we ask him.

An-oth'er time Jesus was teaching in a house in Ca-per'na-um. The houses of that time were not such as we live in. They were u'su-al-ly square, and only one story high. The roofs were flat, with a small railing around them. In the center of the house was a large open space, called the court. Over this court there was no roof; but in time of rain, or when it was very warm, a cloth could be stretched across the o'pen-ing.

"And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the mul'ti-tude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

"And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are for-giv'en thee."

Among those who had come to hear Jesus there were Phar'i-sees and doctors of the law from many cities. When they heard these words, they began to reason, saying, "Who is this which speaketh blas'phemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?"

"But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he an'swer-ing said unto them, What reason ye in your

hearts? Whether is eas'i-er, to say, Thy sins be forgiv'en thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins (he said unto the sick of the palsy), I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

"And im-me'di-ate-ly he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and de-part'ed to his own house, glo'ri-fy-ing God.

"And they were all amazed, and they glo'ri-fied God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to-day."

THE CENTURION'S SERVANT HEALED

"And when Jesus was entered into Ca-per'na-um, there came unto him a cen-tu'ri-on, be-seech'ing him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, griev'ous-ly tor-ment'ed.

"And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

"The cen-tu'ri-on answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed."

"When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Ver'i-ly I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Is'ra-el."

"And Jesus said unto the cen-tu'ri-on, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee."

"And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour."

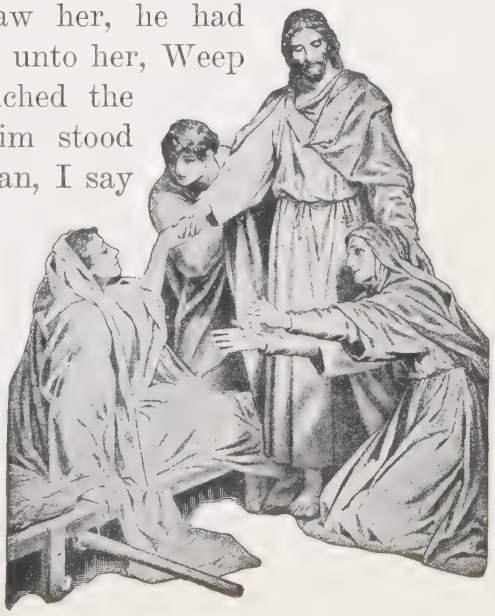
Many of the Romans were very cruel to their slaves, but this man loved his servant as a friend. He had also shown kindness to the Jews. "He loveth our nation," the people said to Jesus, "and he hath built us a syn'a-gogue."

But the cen-tu'ri-on was humble. He did not trust in his own goodness, but he came trusting in Jesus, and asked for just the help he needed. Jesus heard this man's cry, and healed his servant. So will he hear our prayer, and forgive our sins, if we will come to him with the same loving con'fi-dence and trust.

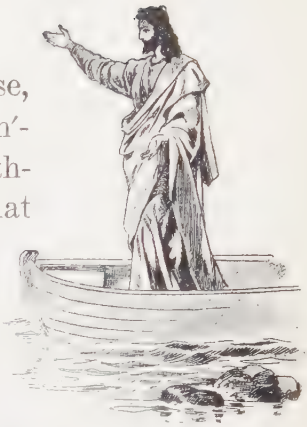
JESUS RAISES THE WIDOW'S SON

"And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his dis-ci'ples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

"And when the Lord saw her, he had com-pas'sion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he deliv'ered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glo'ri-fied God."



BY THE SEASIDE



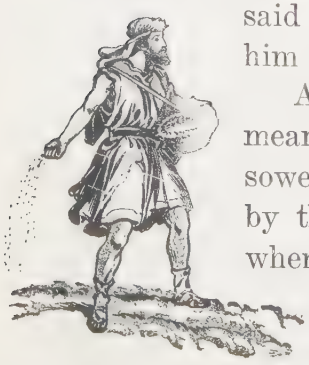
One day Jesus went "out of the house, and sat by the seaside." Soon a great com'-pa-ny of people, "out of every city," gathered about him. There were so many that by and by Jesus went into a ship, and pushed off a little way from the shore, so all could see him, and hear his words.

"And he taught them many things in par'a-bles." The first of the par'a-bles spoken by the Master that day by the seaside was that of the sower.

"Harken," said Jesus; "behold, there went out a sower to sow: and it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the wayside, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

"And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and im-me'di-ate-ly it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: but when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

"And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred. And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."



Aft'er-ward, Jesus told his dis-ci'ples the meaning of this par'a-ble. He said: "The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the wayside, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh im-me'-

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PREACHING TO THE MULTITUDE AT THE SEASIDE

di-ate-ly, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, im-me'di-ate-ly receive it with gladness; and have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time; aft'-er-ward, when af-flic'tion or per-se-cu'tion a-ris'eth for the word's sake, im-me'di-ate-ly they are of-fend'ed. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, and the cares of this world, and the de-ceit'ful-ness of riches, and the lusts of other things en'ter-ing in, choke the word, and it be-com'eth un-fruit'ful. And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thir'ty-fold, some sixty, and some an hundred."

Jesus spoke an-oth'er par'a-ble to the people that same day, called the par'a-ble of the tares.

"The kingdom of heaven," he said, "is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his en'e-my came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the house'hold-er came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field?

from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An en'e-my hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow to-geth'er until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye to-geth'er first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."

Aft'er-ward Jesus told his dis-ci'ples the meaning of the par'a-ble of the tares.

"He that soweth the good seed," said Jesus, "is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the en'e-my that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do in-iq'-ui-ty; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

By these two beau'ti-ful par'a-bles, the par'a-ble of

"A SOWER WENT FORTH TO SOW"

W. MORGAN, ARTIST

the sower and the par'a-ble of the tares, Jesus taught the people about the kingdom of heaven, and of God's tender love and care for men. The Word of God, the commands and the prom'is-es that are written in the Bible, is the good seed; and when it is received into men's hearts, it may spring up, and bring forth the good fruits of love, joy, peace, gen'tle-ness, goodness, and faith.

The seed does not spring out of the ground a full-grown plant, ready for the reaper. It grows a little at a time,— first the tiny green point peeping through the soil, then the sturdy stalk, and by and by the golden grain. But all the time it is a plant that comes from good seed, and it grows and de-vel'ops as a good plant should. So even very little children may show in their actions whether they are letting the good seed of the Word grow in their lives.

JESUS STILLS THE STORM

All day Jesus taught the people, and when the even was come, he said to his dis-ci'ples, "Let us pass over unto the other side."

So the dis-ci'ples made the ship ready, and sent the people away. But many would not go, for they wished to be near Jesus. All who could do so followed him in "other little ships."

Can you not see the picture — the calm evening, the little fleet on the peaceful waters of the Sea of Gal'i-lee, and the stars be-gin'ning to shine in the blue sky, and re-flect'ed in the blue sea? It was all peaceful and lovely; and Jesus, who was very weary, lay down "in the hinder part of the ship," and fell asleep.

"PEACE, BE STILL"

A. DIETRICH, ARTIST

Sud'den-ly, with hardly a warning, "there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full."

The dis-ci'ples were filled with fear. Surely the boat must sink! And Jesus, who alone could save them, was "asleep on a pillow"! In terror, almost in anger, they wakened him, crying out, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?"

"And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

"And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

"And they feared ex-ceed'ing-ly, and said one to an-oth'er, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Often we are like the dis-ci'ples. We do not think of Jesus when eve'ry-thing is pleasant and peaceful; but when we are sad, or in danger, or tempted, and can not save ourselves, we ask him to help us. The loving Jesus always hears our call; his ear is ever open to the cry of his children. How blessed to trust him every moment, in sunshine and in shadow, in calm as well as in storm!

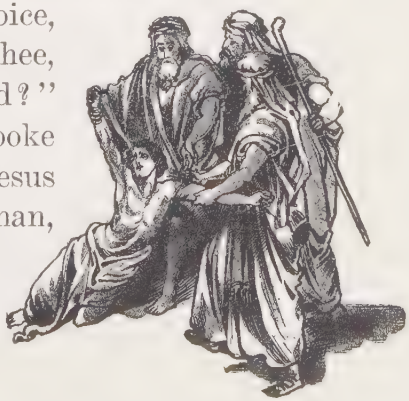
JESUS HEALING THE MAN WITH THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT

Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter

AFTER Jesus had stilled the storm, the ship went on over the quiet waters of the Sea of Gal'i-lee, till it reached the eastern shore. Here Jesus and his dis-ci'ples landed, in the country of the Gad-a-renes'.

"And when he was come out of the ship, im-me'di-ate-ly there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked a-sun'der by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

"But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshiped him, and cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God?"



It was the evil spirit that spoke thus through this poor man; and Jesus quietly said: "Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. What is thy

name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion: for we are many."

"Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

"And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran vi'o-lent-ly down a steep place into the sea (they were about two thousand); and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done."

What did they find,—these people who went out to see what was done? O, they "found the man, out of whom the devils were de-part'ed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind."

Would you not think they would have been happy to see this wild man, whom they had all feared, and whom they could not bind, even with chains and fetters, now so peaceful and quiet, and "in his right mind"? But these foolish people were not glad; they were afraid. They even asked Jesus to go away. "The whole country," the Bible says, "besought him to depart."

So Jesus did not stay. "He went up into the ship, and returned back again;" for Jesus never stays with any one who asks him to go away.

Only one man wished to go with him—the poor man from whom the devils had been cast out. His heart was filled with

love for Jesus, and he wished to become his dis-ci'ple. But Jesus had a special work for this man to do. Though the Gad-a-renes' would not receive Jesus, still he longed to help them. So he said to the man whom he had healed: "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

The man showed his love for Jesus by o-bey'ing him ex-act'ly. "And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him."

"And all men did marvel."

Jesus needs home mis'sion-a-ries in these days; and children who are willing to tell their friends and playmates what great things the Lord has done for them, may serve him just as truly as did the dis-ci'ples who went with Jesus from city to city as he taught the people.

A LITTLE DAUGHTER RAISED TO LIFE

"And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea." These people, we are told, "gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him."

"And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the syn'a-gogue, Ja-i'rus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, and besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live."

"For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a-dy'ing."

The loving Jesus, who never turns away from those in sorrow, heard this anxious father's cry. "And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him."

Among the crowd who followed Jesus, and pressed about him, was a poor woman who had suffered for twelve years. Like many who are ill in these days, she "had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."

This woman had heard of Jesus, and she believed he could help her. She did not speak to him, but only came up qui'et-ly in the crowd behind him, and touched his garment. "For," she said, "if I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole." Jesus knew that he had been touched — not by the crowd pressing about him, but by some one who had touched him for a purpose. "Some'bod-y hath touched me," said Jesus; "for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me."

Then the woman came to Jesus, trembling; and "falling down before him," she told him why she had touched him, and how she was healed im-me'di-ate-ly.

"Daughter," said Jesus to the poor, trembling woman, "be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace."

H. HOFMANN, ARTIST

JESUS RAISING JAIRUS' DAUGHTER TO LIFE

While Jesus was yet speaking, "there cometh one from the ruler of the syn'a-gogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master."

Jesus heard this message, and turning to the father, he said, "Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole." Ja-i'rus believed this promise, and walking close by Jesus' side, he led him quickly to his home. As they drew near, they heard the sound of wailing and music; for the house was filled with hired mourners and flute players and friends of the parents.

"And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.

"And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise."

"And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years."

Then Jesus "com-mand'ed that something should be given her to eat."

"And her parents were as-ton'ished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done."

What joy there was in that home then! the be-lov'ed little daughter — the *only* one — no longer lying cold and dead, but alive, and happy, and well! Surely, she must have loved Jesus, who had called her back to life. How many children re-mem'ber, every day, that it is Jesus who gives them "life, and breath, and all things"? If all did re-mem'ber this, would not each one love him more and serve him better?

JESUS FEEDS THE PEOPLE

For a little time the dis-ci'ples of Jesus left him, and went into all the cities of the Jews, telling the good news that the Mes-si'ah had come, and urging the people to turn away from their sins. Before they went, Jesus blessed them, and gave them power to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, and even to raise the dead to life again.

"And they de-part'ed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing eve'ry-where." Aft'-er-ward the dis-ci'ples came back to Jesus, "and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught."

About this time, too, came the sad news that John the Baptist was dead. For Herod, to please a wicked woman who was angry because John had reproved her for her sins, had first shut up the prophet in prison, and aft'er-ward be-head'ed him.

Jesus was very sad when he learned of the death of John. He was weary, too, and now that the dis-ci'ples had come back, he wished to hear all they had to say. But wher-ev'er he went, the people thronged about him; night or day he could not rest. "For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat."

So Jesus said to his dis-ci'ples, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while." The dis-ci'ples were weary, too; so "they de-part'ed into a desert place by ship pri'vate-ly."

The place chosen by Jesus for this little time of rest and prayer was a quiet spot not far from Beth-sa'i-da, on the northern shore of the Sea of Gal'i-lee. The hills

JOHN THE BAPTIST IN PRISON

and valleys were green with the tender grass of spring, and the air was sweet with the fragrance of many flowers. Surely in this peaceful place Jesus and his dis-ci'ples might have a few hours in which to rest, and pray, and talk to-geth'er of the great work yet to be done, and about the kingdom of heaven! But no; "the people saw them de-part'ing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came to-geth'er unto him.

"And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with com-pas'sion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

"And when the day was now far spent, his dis-ci'ples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the vil'la-ges, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat."

"He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat."

The dis-ci'ples were perplexed. "Shall we go and buy two hundred pen'ny-worth of bread, and give them to eat?" they asked.

"How many loaves have ye?" asked Jesus; "go and see."

So the dis-ci'ples went about among the people to see how much they had to eat. And when they knew, Andrew, Peter's brother, said, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" he asked, doubt'ful-ly.

FEEDING THE MULTITUDE

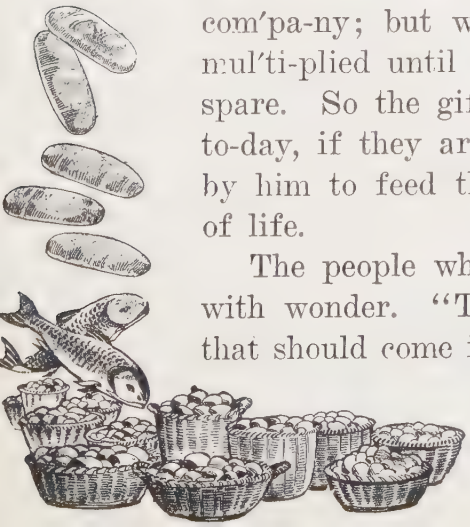
Jesus did not answer this question, but he "com-mand'ed them to make all sit down by com'pa-nies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties."

When all were seated, Jesus took the five loaves and the two fishes, and "looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his dis-ci'ples to set before them; and the two fishes di-vi'ded he among them all. And they did all eat, and were filled."

"And they that did eat were about five thousand men, besides women and children."

"And when they were filled, he saith unto his dis-ci'ples, Gather up the broken pieces which remain over, that nothing be lost. So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves which remained."

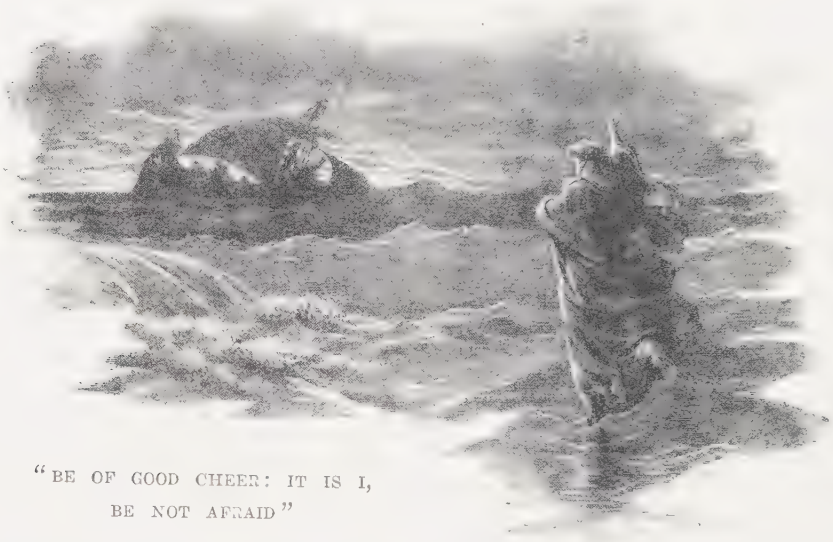
The little lad who gave his five barley loaves and two small fishes to Jesus that day in Gal'i-lee is an ex-am'ple to children eve'ry-where to be cheerful givers. No doubt this boy was hungry; but when he saw the need, he freely gave all that he had to the Master. His five loaves would not have fed many of that great com'pa-ny; but with the blessing of Jesus they mul'ti-plied until there was bread enough and to spare. So the gifts that children bring to Jesus to-day, if they are given in love, will be blessed by him to feed those who hunger for the bread of life.



The people who saw this mir'a-cle were filled with wonder. "This is of a truth that Prophet that should come into the world!" they cried. In

their joy they would have taken Jesus that moment by force, and made him king. But Jesus was not to be their earthly king. Qui'et-ly he told his dis-ci'ples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side of the lake, while he sent away the people.

"And when he had sent them away, he de-part'ed into a mountain to pray. And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind



"BE OF GOOD CHEER: IT IS I, BE NOT AFRAID"

was con'tra-ry unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: for they all saw him, and were troubled.

"And im-me'di-ate-ly he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased."

"And im-me'di-ate-ly the ship was at the land whither they went."

In the morning the people who had eaten bread, looked for Jesus in the desert. When they saw that he was not there, they returned quickly to Ca-per'na-um, still "seeking for Jesus,"— not because they wished to listen to his words, but because they hoped to gain something for themselves.

Jesus knew their selfish thoughts. He talked with them, and told them that if they wished to do God's will, they must believe on him whom God had sent. Many other things he taught the people; but they, instead of be-liev'ing him, began to dispute among themselves. "From that time," we read, "many of his dis-ci'ples went back, and walked no more with him."

Jesus was grieved to see these people who had followed him, heard his words, and seen his mir'a-cles, going away now, of-fend'ed and un-be-liev'ing. Turning to the twelve, he asked, sadly, "Will ye also go away?"

Quickly the warm-heart'ed Peter answered, for himself and the others, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of e-ter'nal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."

"PEACE BE TO THIS HOUSE"

Two Children Healed

FOR more than two years Jesus had taught the people in Gal'i-lee. In Ca-per'na-um, "his own city," he had done many mir'a-cles; by the sea-side he had often taught the people and healed their sick; even in the wil'der-ness, and in desert places, where he went to rest and pray, they had followed him to listen to his words.

Now the time was drawing near when Jesus was to give his life for men. His work on earth was nearly over. As we read the rest of the story of Jesus' life, we shall see it lead, step by step, to the cross.

Leaving Gal'i-lee, Jesus now "went away into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered into a house, and would have no man know it: and he could not be hid." Quickly the news is carried from house to house that the Healer has come! Jesus is here — in this very house! — how the story flies from lip to lip, even among these heathen people! They do not know Jesus, but they have heard of his mighty works. They know that by his word the blind see, the deaf hear, the dumb

speak. Even the lepers are cleansed, and the dead are raised to life again, at his word.

Among those who heard that Jesus had come, was an anxious mother, "whose little daughter had an unclean spirit." Now this mother was a heathen, an i-dol'-a-ter; but she believed Jesus could help her. So she came to him, and "besought him that he would cast forth the demon out of her daughter."

At first Jesus did not answer this woman. Perhaps he wished to test her faith. Perhaps he wished to see if the dis-ci'ples who were with him would show any pity for her. But they, when she asked them to have mercy on her, came to Jesus and said, "Send her away; for she crieth after us."

How little these dis-ci'ples re'al-ly knew Jesus, if they supposed that he would send any one away who called on him for help! Jesus told them that he was not sent but to the lost sheep,—to those who needed a Saviour. And the woman, hearing these words, worshiped him, saying, "Lord, help me."

"But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

From that moment her daughter was made whole; and when the happy mother came again to her own house, she found her lying qui'et-ly upon the bed.

After this, Jesus "came unto the Sea of Gal'i-lee, through the midst of the coasts of De-cap'o-lis."

It was in this region that Jesus had cast the evil spirits out of the de-mo'ni-ac. At that time the people had been afraid of Jesus, and had asked him to go away. The man who had been healed wished to go with him; but the Lord had a great work for him to do. He was to be a home mis'sion-a-ry. "Go home to thy friends," said the Saviour, "and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." So the man told eve'ry-where how the Lord had healed him. Now the people were ready to receive Jesus, and they welcomed him gladly.

"And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an im-ped'i-ment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the mul'ti-tude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Eph'pha-tha, that is, Be opened.

"And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain." When the people saw this mir'a-cle, they "were beyond measure as-ton'-ished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak."

"And great mul'ti-tudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at

Jesus' feet; and he healed them: in-so-much' that the mul'ti-tude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glo'ri-fied the God of Is'ra-el."

JESUS' TRANSFIGURATION

One evening not long after this, Jesus and his dis-ci'ples entered a boat on the Sea of Gal'i-lee, and sailed away. When they landed, they went a little way from the seashore, to a beau'ti-ful valley, sur-round'ed with

mountains. Here they could rest for a time, and Jesus could pray and talk with his dis-ci'ples. He knew that soon he must go away, and leave them alone. He saw that wicked men would hate them, and per'se-cute them, and even seek to kill them; and he desired to help them to be ready for that time so soon to come.

"And Jesus went out, and his dis-ci'ples, into the towns of Cæs-a-re'a Phi-lip'pi: and by the way he asked his dis-ci'ples, Whom do men say that I am?"

Men had said many things about Jesus; so the dis-ci'ples answered: "John the Baptist: but some say, E-li'as; and others, One of the prophets."

Then Jesus asked, "But whom say ye that I am?" All the dis-ci'ples could answer this question, but it was Peter who cried out, at once, "Thou art the Christ."

After this Jesus taught his dis-ci'ples that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be re-ject'ed by the chief priests and the elders. Then he would be killed, and after three days he would rise again. But the dis-ci'ples could not un-der-stand' these words, though he told them plainly.

Peter even took Jesus apart, and began to rebuke him. "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee," he said.

Peter thought it was only his love for Jesus that led him to speak these words; but Jesus knew that Satan was the one who put the thought in Peter's heart. So Jesus turned to Peter, and said, "Get thee behind me, Satan."

Even now Peter could not un-der-stand' that Jesus must give his life for men. But a little later Peter saw his beloved Master suffer and die, and in later years he learned that every one who hopes to share Christ's glory in heaven must be a par-ta'ker — a sharer — of his suf'fer-ing on earth.

"Then said Jesus unto his dis-ci'ples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For who-so-ev'er will save his life shall lose it: and who-so-ev'er will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

There were three dis-ci'ples who seem to have been

nearer to Jesus than the others,—Peter, so ardent, so im-pul'sive, so quick to speak, so often wrong; John, who is called "the be-lov'ed dis-ci'ple;" and James his brother. One evening Jesus called these three apart from the others, and led "them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was trans-fig'ured before them.

"And his raiment became shining, ex-ceed'ing white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them E-li'as with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

"And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tab'er-na-cles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for E-li'as. For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

"And there was a cloud that o-ver-shad'owed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my be-lov'ed Son: hear him.

"And sud'den-ly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves. And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. And they kept that saying with themselves, ques'tion-ing one with an-oth'er what the rising from the dead should mean."

A LITTLE BOY MADE WHOLE

As Jesus came down from the mountain with Peter and James and John, talking of sacred things, he came upon a scene of great con-fu'sion. A large com'pa-ny of men and women and children had gathered around the dis-ci'ples. Some were ques'tion-ing the a-pos'tles; others were dis-pu'ting among themselves.

The people had not ex-pect'ed to see Jesus; and when they saw him, with the light of heaven shining from his face, they were amazed, and ran to meet him.

Jesus saw the scribes sur-round'ing the little group of dis-ci'ples, talking ex-ci'ted-ly, and he asked, "What question ye with them?"

"And one of the mul'ti-tude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; and where-so-ev'er he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy dis-ci'ples that they should cast him out; and they could not."

Jesus' heart was touched by this father's grief, and he said, "Bring him unto me."

"And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him." The father was in despair; he could only fall at Jesus' feet, and cry, "If

GUSTAVE DORE, ARTIST

HEALING THE BOY WITH THE DEAF AND DUMB SPIRIT

thou canst do an'y-thing, have com-pas'sion on us, and help us."

"If thou canst believe," answered Jesus, "all things are pos'si-ble to him that be-liev'eth."

"And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine un-be-lief'."

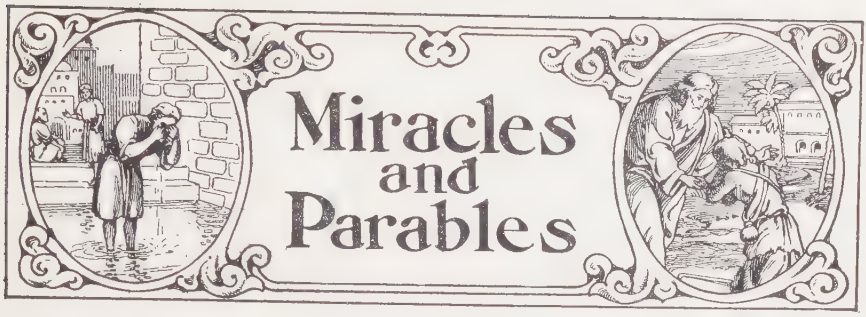
Never was such a cry un-an'swered. At once Jesus "rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; in-so-much' that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose."

And so the child was restored to his father and mother — a loving, o-be'di-ent, teach'a-ble boy, who would fill their home with sunshine and hap'pi-ness.

We can not read this story without love springing up anew in our hearts for the com-pas'sion-ate Jesus, who is so ready and willing to cleanse the heart from sin. No matter what evil habit has bound its chain about us, even from ear'li-est childhood, he can set us free.

AFTER HAROLD COPPING, ARTIST

"EXCEPT YE BE CONVERTED, AND BECOME AS LITTLE CHILDREN, YE SHALL NOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."



AFTER healing the child who had a dumb spirit, Jesus and his dis-ci'ples entered the city of Ca-per'na-um, and went into a house there. "And being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye dis-pu'ted among yourselves by the way?

"But they held their peace: for by the way they had dis-pu'ted among themselves, who should be the greatest."

Jesus was sad to see this selfish thought filling the hearts of his chosen dis-ci'ples. So he sat down, and called the twelve to him. Near by was a little child at play. He must have been a gentle child, smiling, happy, and kind. Cer'tain-ly he had no thought of being chief, or greatest, among the children who were his playmates. Jesus took this child in his arms, and said: "Ver'i-ly I say unto you, Except ye be convert'ed, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Who-so-ev'er therefore shall humble himself [become as gentle and loving] as

this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Thus in a few very plain words, Jesus told his dis-ci'ples who should be greatest in his kingdom — the kingdom of heaven. Not those who are greatest on this earth, but those who are least, will be greatest there. Not the rich and the proud, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the gentle, will be greatest in his kingdom of love. Not those who love to command others, but those who serve them. "For even the Son of man came not to be min'is-tered unto, but to min'is-ter."

A LESSON ON FORGIVENESS

Now Peter was troubled over a certain matter, and he brought it to the Master. Jesus had been telling the dis-ci'ples how they should act to those who treated them un-kind'ly. "If thy brother trespass against thee," said Jesus, "go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone." How much better to do this than to talk about him to others! "If he shall hear thee," said the Master, "thou hast gained thy brother."

Perhaps some one had wronged Peter; and it was not easy for him to forgive. "Lord," he said, "how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?"

You know how hard it is to keep on, over and over and over, for-giv'ing those who try to injure us. Sometimes we are tempted to "hurt back;" often we allow ourselves to speak un-kind'ly of those who treat us ill. Very likely some such thought was in Peter's mind when he asked, How oft shall I forgive?

Jesus knew the struggle in Peter's heart, and he said

to him, "I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until sev'en-ty times seven." That means we are not to count the times, but are always to keep the for-giv'-ing spirit of Jesus in our hearts.

Many other lessons Jesus taught his dis-ci'ples in that little house in Ca-per'na-um. But those quiet days were soon past, and Jesus and the twelve set their faces again toward Je-ru'sa-lem, this time to attend the feast of tab'er-na-cles.

In the midst of the feast, Jesus went into the temple, and taught the people. The Jews marveled among themselves when they heard his words of wisdom and truth. Many believed on him, but others wished to de-liv'er him up that he might be put to death. The chief priests and the Phar'i-sees sent men to take Jesus; but they listened to his words, and did not touch him. When they were asked, "Why have ye not brought him?" they could only say, "Never man spake like this Man."

One day as Jesus passed out of the temple, he saw a blind beggar sitting at its gates. Never had this poor man seen the sunshine or the trees or flowers or the faces of his friends. He had been blind from his birth.

"And his dis-ci'ples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or

his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made man'i-fest in him."

Then Jesus "spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he a-noint'ed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, and said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Si-lo'am (which is by in-ter-pre-ta'tion, Sent). He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

"The neighbors therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

"Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and a-noint'ed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Si-lo'am, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

"Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.

"They brought to the Phar'i-sees him that a-fore'-time was blind. And it was the Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Then again the Phar'i-sees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

"Therefore said some of the Phar'i-sees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the Sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such mir'a-cles? And there was a di-vi'sion among them.

"They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

"But the Jews did not believe con-cern'ing him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

"His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: but by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.

"These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed al-read'y, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the syn'a-gogue.

"Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

"He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

"He answered them, I have told you al-read'y, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his dis-ci'ples?

"Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his dis-ci'ple; but we are Moses' dis-ci'ples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is."

The man who had been blind said to the Jews, "If this man were not of God, he could do nothing."

Then the Jews were angry, and cast

H. HOFMANN, ARTIST

HEALING THE BLIND MAN

him out from among them. "Dost thou teach us?" they asked.

"Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

"And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshiped him."

The story of this won'der-ful mir'a-cle was told in every corner of the city. Some who saw Jesus, and even heard his words of love, declared, "He hath a devil." But others said: "These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?"

IN THE PHARISEE'S HOUSE

One Sabbath day Jesus went into the house of one of the chief Phar'i-sees to eat bread. And "they watched him," always trying to find something in his words for which they might put him to death.

"And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus an'swer-ing spake unto the lawyers and Phar'i-sees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go; and answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the Sabbath day?

"And they could not answer him again to these things."

A. BIDA, ARTIST

JESUS TEACHING THE PHARISEES

As Jesus sat among the guests, he saw that each was trying to get the best place. Each wanted to be first, to be greatest. None were willing to take the lower seats.

"And he put forth a par'a-ble to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more hon'or-a-ble man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher.

"For who-so-ev'er ex-alt'eth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be ex-alt'ed."

In this little story Jesus taught again the lesson of hu-mil'i-ty. Then, turning to the man who had in-vi'-ted him to his house, Jesus said: —

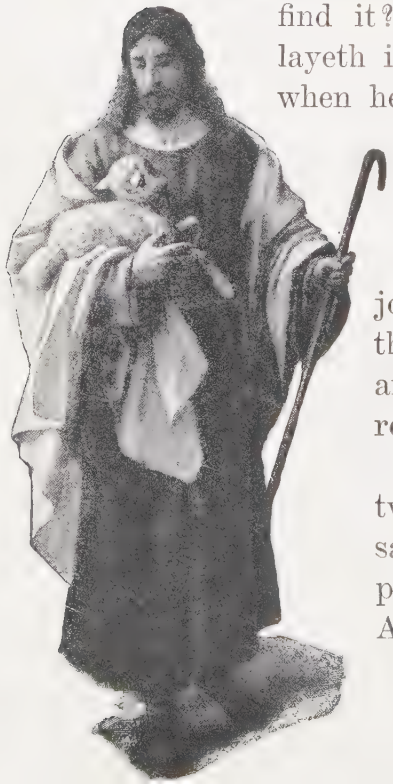
"When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a rec'om-pense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed; for they can not rec'om-pense thee: for thou shalt be rec'om-pensed at the res-ur-rec'tion of the just." In thus showing kindness to the poor, we are really showing kindness to the Lord Jesus. "In-as-much' as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren," he says, "ye have done it unto me."

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

During these last months of his earthly life, Jesus spoke often in par'a-bles to his dis-ci'ples, and talked a great deal with them about his heav'en-ly kingdom. The dis-ci'ples did not un-der-stand' all he said then; but when he was no longer with them, they re-mem'-bered his words, and knew their meaning.

"Then drew near unto him all the pub'li-cans and sinners for to hear him. And the Phar'i-sees and scribes murmured, saying, This man re-ceiv'eth sinners, and eateth with them." By thus speaking, these men showed that they knew little of God's love and mercy.

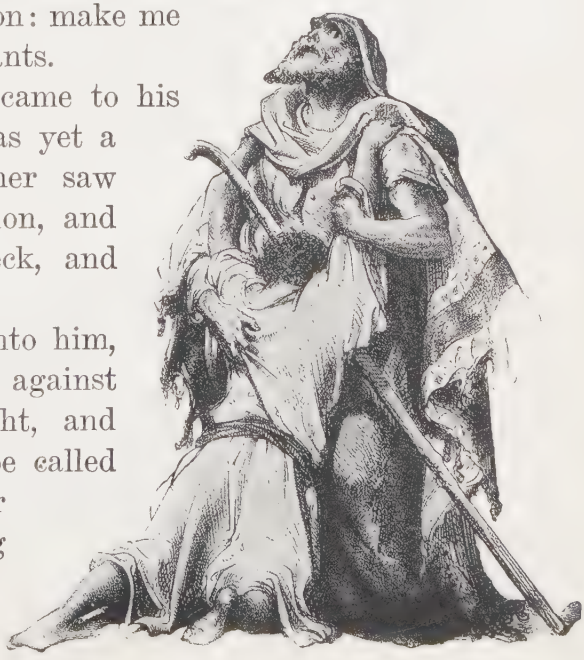
"And he spake this par'a-ble unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wil'der-ness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, re-joi'cing. And when he cometh home, he calleth to-geth'er his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that re-pent'eth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no re-pent'ance."



"And he said, A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he di-vi'ded unto them his living.

"And not many days after the younger son gathered all to-geth'er, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with ri'ot-ous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a cit'i-zen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

"And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.



"And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had com-pas'sion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

"And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring

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THE PRODIGAL SON

forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

"Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

"And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and en-treat'ed him. And he an'swer-ing said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy command'ment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: but as soon as this thy son was come, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

"And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found."

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THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Jesus Blesses Little Children

ONE day as Jesus was teaching the people, "a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to in-her'it e-ter'nal life?"

A lawyer was a man who un-der-stood' all the Jewish law — the law of Moses. This man thought he could lead Jesus into an ar'gu-ment, and get him to say something that would not agree with the law. All the people listened to hear how Jesus would answer.

Jesus did not argue with the lawyer. He only asked, "What is written in the law? how readest thou?"

The lawyer answered, quickly: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

Then Jesus said: "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live."

"But he, willing to jus'ti-fy himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?" Jesus did not answer this question at once; but he told the lawyer and the people a beau'ti-ful par'a-ble.

"A certain man," said Jesus, "went down from

Je-ru'sa-lem to Jer'i-cho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and de-part'ed, leaving him half dead.

"And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

"But a certain Sa-mar'i-tan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had com-pas'sion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

"And on the morrow when he de-part'ed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and what-so-ev'er thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."

"Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?" asked Jesus of the lawyer.

And he said, "He that showed mercy on him." Then said Jesus, "Go, and do thou likewise."

Thus Jesus taught that it is not enough to know our duty to our neighbor, but we should gladly do it. And we must not forget that our neighbor is every one whom we may help,— every one who needs our love and care and sym'pa-thy and kindness. Not only should we be willing to help all those who are in need, but we should love them; for Jesus said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

THE RICH YOUNG MAN

Nearly every one would like to be rich; for it is very hard for people to learn that money can not buy hap'pi-ness. In the days when Jesus was on earth, it was much the same. In many hearts there was so much love of money that there was no room for the love of God.

One day when Jesus was gone forth into the way, "there came one running," such was his haste, "and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may in-her'it e-ter'nal life?" This young man had heard of Jesus' teaching, and he thought he wanted e-ter'nal life. He was even willing, so he supposed, to do something to gain it.

Jesus looked at the young man and answered: "Thou knowest the com-mand'ments, Do not commit a-dul'ter-y, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honor thy father and mother."

"Master," replied the young man, "all these have I observed from my youth."

"Then Jesus be-hold'ing him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell what-so-ev'er thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

"And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great pos-ses'-sions. And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his dis-ci'-ples, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is

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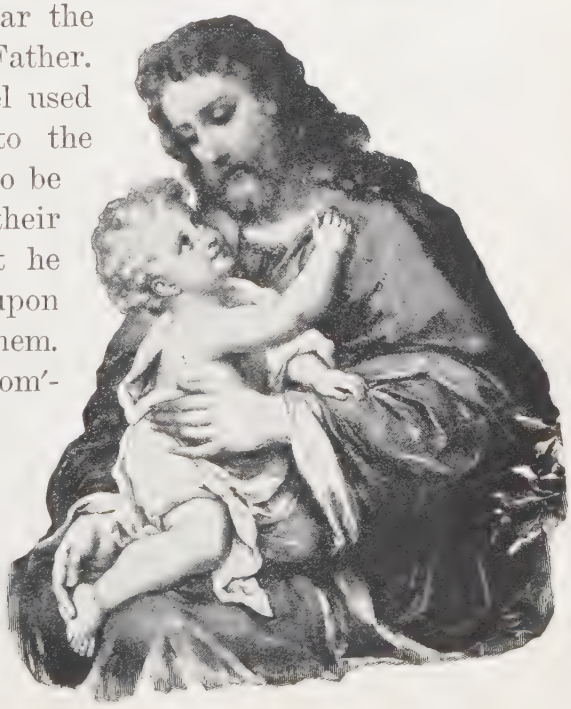
THE RICH YOUNG MAN

eas'i-er for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

We do not read that this young man ever came back to Jesus. He lacked the un-self'ish love that would cause him to give up earthly riches for his Master. He kept his great pos-ses'sions, and lost heaven and e-ter'-nal life. Even in childhood it is not too soon to decide that what-ev'er Jesus asks us to give up for him, we will give it, freely and gladly.

JESUS BLESSES THE CHILDREN

Jesus loves the world: every one who lives is dear to him. But O, how he loved the children, when he lived on the earth, and how he loves them now! "Their angels," he said, "do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." The guar'di-an angels of children have a place near the throne of our heav'en-ly Father.



The mothers in Is'ra-el used to take their children to the priests and the teachers to be blessed. Many brought their little ones to Jesus, that he might lay his hands upon their heads and bless them. One day quite a large com'-pa-ny of mothers came to Jesus with their chil-dren. The dis-ci'ples were not pleased to have these women and their

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LET ALL THE CHILDREN COME

children come; they thought that Jesus had more impor'tant work to do than to talk to children.

But Jesus called them to him, and said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Can you not see a picture of that scene? The disci'ples, weary and troubled, standing apart by themselves, as the loving Jesus gently draws the little ones to him, taking them in his arms, laying his hands in blessing on their sunny curls! Near by are the happy mothers — how glad they are to see their children with Jesus! Not one child is afraid of him; even the youngest leaves its mother's arms to be taken by Jesus!

The same loving Jesus calls the children to-day. "Come unto me," he calls; "of such is the kingdom of heaven." Who would not answer that call of love?

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JESUS AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY IN BETHANY

Lazarus Raised from the Dead

JESUS had no earthly home. "The foxes have holes," he said, "and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

But there were a few homes where Jesus loved to go, and where he was always welcome. One of these was the home of a man named Laz'a-rus, who lived in Beth'a-ny, a small village near Je-ru'sa-lem. Mary and Martha, the sisters of Laz'a-rus, lived with him.

Jesus had often vis'it-ed this home, and found rest and comfort there. One time when he was on his way to Je-ru'sa-lem, he stopped to visit these friends, and to rest a little. The sisters were both glad to see Jesus; but they showed their joy in dif'fer-ent ways. Martha hurried about, pre-par'ing something extra to eat; but Mary sat down at Jesus' feet, and listened to his words.

As Martha worked, going quickly from one thing to an-oth'er, hurried and anxious, the sight of Mary sitting at Jesus' feet vexed her, and she said: "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me."

Very gently Jesus rebukes Martha. He

wants her to be active and busy, but just now there is something better for her to do. "Martha, Martha," he says, "thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Not long after this, Jesus went again to Je-ru'sa-lem. One day as he taught the people in the porch of the temple, some of them took up stones, and would have stoned him; "but he escaped out of their hand, and went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized." Even here the people followed the Teacher, and many believed on him.

About this time a great sorrow came to the little home in Beth'a-ny. Laz'a-rus, the friend of Jesus, became sick, and day by day he grew worse. How nat'u-ral, in this dark hour, for Mary and Martha to think of Jesus. Quickly they sent a friend to the Master, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick." Only that simple message — they do not ask him to come; they do not ask him to cure Laz'a-rus: they know Jesus will help them, and will do what is best.

"Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Laz'a-rus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. Then after that saith he to his dis-ci'ples, Let us go into Ju-de'a again. His dis-ci'-ples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?"

Jesus answered, "Our

friend Laz'a-rus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep."

"Then said his dis-ci'ples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. How-be'it Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Laz'a-rus is dead."

"When Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days al-read'y. Now Beth'a-ny was nigh unto Je-ru'sa-lem, about fifteen furlongs off: and many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them con-cern'ing their brother.

"Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, what-so-ev'er thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

"Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

"Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the res-ur-rec'tion at the last day.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the res-ur-rec'tion, and the life: he that be-liev'eth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and who-so-ev'er liveth and be-liev'eth in me shall never die. Be-liev'est thou this?

"She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister se'cret-ly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. As soon as she heard that, she arose

quickly, and came unto him. Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him. The Jews then which were with her in the house, and com'fort-ed her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up ha'sti-ly and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

"Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

"When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

"Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

"Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone."

"Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Laz'a-rus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes: and his

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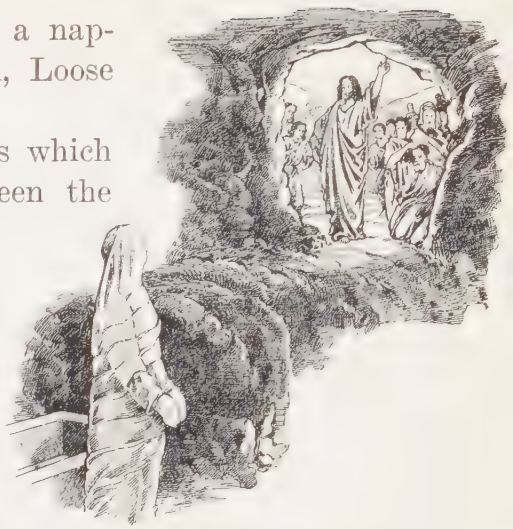
THE RAISING OF LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.



"Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them went their ways to the Phar'i-sees, and told them what things Jesus had done. Then gathered the chief priests and the Phar'i-sees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many mir'a-cles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation."

"From that day forth they took counsel to-geth'er for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more o'pen-ly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wil'der-ness."

JESUS IN SIMON'S HOUSE

Now it was almost time for the Pass'o-ver to be held at Je-ru'sa-lem. Al-read'y many zealous Jews from the country were going up to the city to pu'ri-fy themselves. In the temple they looked for Jesus, the Teacher. "What think ye, that he will not come to the feast?" they asked among themselves. For the chief priests and the Phar'i-sees had com-mand'ed that if any should see him, or know where he was, they must tell it. Then these rulers would take him.

Six days before the Pass'o-ver, Jesus came again to Beth'a-ny and stopped at the home of Laz'a-rus, to rest over the Sabbath. While he was in Beth'a-ny, Simon, whom Jesus had healed of leprosy, made a supper for him.

"And Martha served; but Laz'a-rus was one of them that sat at the table with him." There were a number of friends with Jesus,— the dis-ci'ples, and others who loved him. As Jesus talked with them about his death and the kingdom of heaven, Mary, the sister of Laz'a-rus, took "a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and a-noint'ed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment."

Jesus had for-giv'en Mary's sins; and often, in the little home in Beth'a-ny, he had taught her of the way to heaven. Only a few days before, he had raised her brother Laz'a-rus from the grave. No wonder Mary's heart o-ver-flowed' with love and grat'i-tude to the Master. Gladly she gave all that she had to buy the precious al-a-bas'ter box, filled with fragrant ointment, for Jesus. No common gift, no little thing, seemed fitting to bring to him who had done so much for her. Will'ing-ly, joy'ful-ly, she brought the best, the most precious gift in her power.

One man in this feast of Jesus' friends was angry when the sweet perfume of the precious ointment filled the room. This was Judas Is-car'i-ot, who was al-read'y planning to betray Jesus. "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?" he asked.

"This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but

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MARY ANOINTING JESUS

because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein."

Jesus knew the love in Mary's heart, which had prompted her to bring this gift. He saw, too, the selfish, evil heart of the one who would so soon betray him. Others sitting at the feast perhaps thought it a waste to break the al-a-bas'ter box, and pour out its contents. But to Judas, and to those who would have joined him in re-buk'ing Mary for her gift of love, the Saviour said: "Let her alone: against the day of my bur'y-ing hath she kept this. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

Many of the Jews, hearing that Jesus was at Beth'-a-ny, came to see him. "And they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Laz'a-rus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

"But the chief priests con-sult'ed that they might put Laz'a-rus also to death; because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus."

The earthly life of Jesus was fast drawing to a close. In a little less than a week, he was to suffer and die. Yet though he told his dis-ci'ples so, plainly, over and over, they could not un-der-stand'.

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THE CHILDREN CRY " HOSANNA " AS JESUS RIDES INTO JERUSALEM

Teaching in the Temple

THE road leading to Je-ru'sa-lem from Beth'a-ny, the little village where Laz'a-rus and his sisters lived, was rough and steep. Although but two miles distant, one could not see Je-ru'sa-lem from Beth'a-ny; for it was hidden by Mount Ol'i-vet, round which the road winds.

Jesus had often passed over this road on the way from Beth'a-ny to Je-ru'sa-lem; he knew every step of the way,—"the distant sea, the beau'ti-ful woods, the sweet, a-bun'dant flowers." But his journey on this morning was to be dif'fer-ent from any he had taken or would take again.

Jesus and his dis-ci'ples were not alone. Many had come out from Je-ru'sa-lem to Beth'a-ny the night before, and these followed him as he set out on the short journey. From every di-rec'tion, too, the Jews were crowding to Je-ru'sa-lem to prepare for the Pass'o-ver, fathers, mothers, children, all drawn to-geth'er in a great pro-ces'sion. In Je-ru'sa-lem there is a spirit of ex-cite'-ment and wonder. Men talk in little groups here and there — about Jesus, and Laz'a-rus, whom

he called from the tomb. "Will Jesus come to the feast?" they ask. Mothers speak of it as they hush their little ones,—perhaps some upon whose heads his hands have rested in blessing,—"Will he dare to come?" Even the children talk of it in their play—"Will he come? shall we see him?" For the Jewish priests and rulers have declared among themselves that Jesus must die. No wonder the anxious question passes from lip to lip, "What think ye, that he will not come?"

Soon the news is told from group to group that Jesus is coming! He is even now on the way! Quickly a great mul'ti-tude who have come to the feast take branches of palm trees, and go forth to meet him. And the angry Phar'i-sees murmur among themselves, "Behold, the world is gone after him."

When Jesus and his dis-ci'ples came to Bethpage, a little village near Beth'a-ny, "he sent two of his dis-ci'ples, saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your en'ter-ing ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.

"And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? And they said, The Lord hath need of him. And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon."

"And a very great mul'ti-tude spread

their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the mul'ti-tudes that went before [those who had come from the city of Je-ru'sa-lem to meet Jesus], and that followed, cried, saying, Ho-san'na to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Ho-san'na in the highest."

"And some of the Phar'i-sees from among the mul'-ti-tude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy dis-ci'ples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would im-me'-di-ate-ly cry out." As the great pro-ces'sion moved slowly forward, shouting and singing, they came to the summit of the mount, where the city of Je-ru'sa-lem could be plainly seen. How beau'ti-ful it looked, with the sunshine re-flect'ing from the white walls and gilded pillars and jeweled doors of the temple! But it was not to admire the city that Jesus paused on the brow of the hill, and gazed upon it. For, as he beheld the city, we read that he "wept over it."

"And Jesus entered into Je-ru'sa-lem, and

into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the e'ven-tide was come, he went out unto Beth'a-ny with the twelve."

Thus closed this won'der-ful day — the day when all the people shouted, Ho-san'na! and called Jesus their king. Then the quiet hour in the temple; then again the road to Beth'a-ny with his dis-ci'ples.

On the morrow Jesus and his dis-ci'ples came again to Je-ru'sa-lem, and Jesus went into the temple. "And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

"And when the chief priests and scribes saw the won'der-ful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Ho-san'na to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto him, Hearest thou what these say?

"And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast per'fect-ed praise. And he left them, and went out of the city into Beth'a-ny; and he lodged there."

Every evening Jesus left the city of Je-ru'sa-lem, and went away to rest and pray. Every day he taught the people in the temple, and healed their sick. The scribes and elders were filled with rage; but as yet they dared not take Jesus, for they feared the people.

During this last week of his earthly life, Jesus spoke often in par'a-bles. Thus he taught the people, and warned the rulers what would happen if they re-ject'ed him. "And the common people heard him gladly," but the rulers were the more de-ter'mined to kill him.

"And Jesus sat over against the treas'u-ry, and

beheld how the people cast money into the treas'u-ry: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his dis-ci'ples, and saith unto them, Ver'-i-ly I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treas'u-ry: for all they did cast in of their a-bun'dance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

Thus Jesus showed his hearers then, and us to-day, that it is the un-self'ish gift, sweetened by love and sac'ri-fice, that our heav'en-ly Father accepts and blesses.

THE END OF THE WORLD

"And Jesus went out, and de-part'ed from the temple." As he sat upon the Mount of Olives, his dis-ci'-ples came to him pri'vate-ly, and asked, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pes'ti-lenc-es, and earth-

quakes, in divers places. All these are the be-gin'ning of sorrows. Then shall they de-liv'er you up to be af-flict'ed, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be of-fend'ed, and shall betray one an-oth'er, and shall hate one an-oth'er. And because in-iq'ui-ty shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

One other sign of his second coming, the greatest of them all, Jesus gave to his dis-ci'ples that day.

"And this gospel of the kingdom," said Jesus, "shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

No doubt the dis-ci'ples did not re'al-ize all that this promise meant. They did not even know how large the world is. But Jesus knew, and he gave this sign to comfort those who should look for his second coming. We know that there is hardly a place now in all the world where the gospel story has not been carried. In dark Af'ri-ca, in distant China, in South A-mer'i-ca, in lands of summer and lands of snow, and in far is-lands of the sea has the good news of the gospel been proclaimed. And so, if we believe the words of Jesus, we know that his second coming is near. Some will meet him with joy when he comes. Would you be one of that happy com'pa-ny? Re-mem'ber his words: "Watch!" "Pray!" "Endure to the end!"

THE TEN VIRGINS

During this last week of his earthly life, Jesus spoke three par'a-bles that teach us about the end of the world. The first of these is the par'a-ble of the ten virgins, and it shows us that we should watch for Jesus' coming. If we would be ready to meet him with joy, we must love him and obey him day by day.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins," said Jesus, "which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

"They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

"Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Aft'er-ward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Ver'i-ly I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

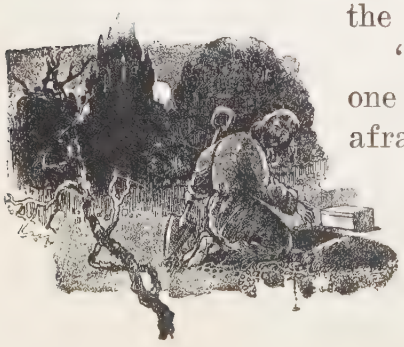
THE TALENTS

The par'a-ble of the talents teaches us that we should be faithful. We should watch for Jesus, and be ready to meet him; but while we wait, we should do his work, and care'ful-ly use the blessings he has given us.

"For the kingdom of heaven is as a man trav'el-ing into a far country, who called his own servants, and de-liv'ered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to an-oth'er two, and to an-oth'er one; to every man ac-cord'ing to his sev'er-al a-bil'i-ty; and straightway took his journey."

"After a long time the lord of those servants com-eth, and reck'on-eth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou de-liv'er-edst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

"He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou de-liv'er-edst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.



"Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine."

The man was displeased with this wicked and slothful servant. To his servants he said: "Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have a-bun'dance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

Every kindness that is done to his children, to the poor, and the sick, and those who are in any trouble, Jesus counts as done to himself. How kindly we should speak and act, how gentle and gen'er-ous we should be, if we always re-mem'bered this! In the par'a-ble of the sheep and the goats Jesus tells us that what we do to the least of these, his brethren, we do to him.

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory," said Jesus, "and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall sep'a-rate them one from an-oth'er, as a shepherd di-vid'eth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, in-her'it the kingdom prepared for you from the foun-da'tion of the world: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye vis'it-ed me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered,

HEALING THE SICK IN THE TEMPLE

and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Ver'i-ly I say unto you, In-as-much' as ye have done it unto one of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into ev-er-last'ing fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye vis'it-ed me not.

"Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not min'is-ter unto thee?

"Then shall he answer them, saying, Ver'i-ly I say unto you, In-as-much' as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into ev-er-last'ing pun'ish-ment: but the righteous into life e-ter'nal."

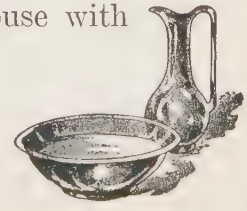
JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS FOR THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

The Last Supper

AND it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his dis-ci'ples, Ye know that after two days is the feast of the Pass'o-ver, and the Son of man is betrayed to be cru'-ci-fied.

"Then as-sem'bled to-geth'er the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the pal-ace of the high priest, who was called Cai'a-phas, and con-sult'ed that they might take Jesus by sub'til-ty, and kill him. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people."

"Then one of the twelve, called Judas Is-car'i-ot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will de-liv'er him unto you? And they cov'e-nant-ed with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought op-por-tu'ni-ty to betray him. Now the first day of the feast of un-leav'ened bread the dis-ci'ples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Pass'o-ver? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Pass'o-ver at thy house with my dis-ci'ples.



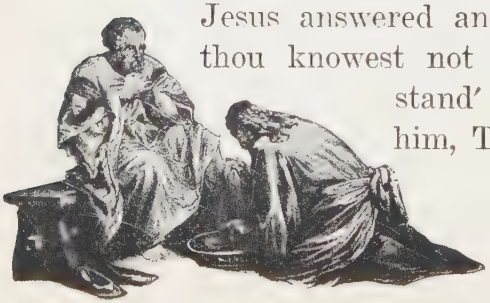
"And the dis-ci'ples did as Jesus had ap-point'ed them; and they made ready the Pass'o-ver. Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve."

"And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be ac-count'ed the greatest. And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles ex'er-cise lordship over them; and they that ex'er-cise au-thor'i-ty upon them are called ben-e-fac'tors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth."

"Now before the feast of the Pass'o-ver, Jesus knowing that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own that were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

"And during supper, the devil having al-read'y put into the heart of Judas Is-car'i-ot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came forth from God, and goeth unto God, riseth from supper, and layeth aside his garments; and he took a towel, and girded himself. Then he poureth water into the basin, and began to wash the dis-ci'ples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. So he cometh to Simon Peter.

"He saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt un-der-stand' here-aft'er. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet.



Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

"Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

"Jesus saith to him, He that is bathed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew him that should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

"So when he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and sat down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me, Teacher, and, Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one an-oth'er's feet. For I have given you an ex-am'ple, that ye also should do as I have done to you. Ver'i-ly, ver'i-ly, I say unto you, A servant is not greater than his lord; neither one that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them."

"When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in the spirit, and tes'ti-fied, and said, Ver'i-ly, ver'i-ly, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

"The dis-ci'ples looked one on an-oth'er, doubting of whom he spake. There was at the table re-cli'ning in Jesus' bosom one of his dis-ci'ples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beck'on-eth to him, and saith unto him, Tell us who it is of whom he speaketh. He leaning back, as he was, on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?

"Jesus therefore an'-

swer-eth, He it is, for whom I shall dip the sop, and give it him. So when he had dipped the sop, he taketh and giveth it to Judas, the son of Simon Is-car'i-ot.

"And after the sop, then entered Satan into him. Jesus therefore saith unto him, What thou doest, do quickly.

"Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus said unto him, Buy what things we have need of for the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

"He then having received the sop went out straightway: and it was night.

"When therefore he was gone out, Jesus saith, Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye can not come; so now I say unto you. A new com-mand'ment I give unto you, that ye love one an-oth'er; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one an-oth'er. By this shall all men know that ye are my dis-ci'ples, if ye have love one to an-oth'er."

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it; and he gave to the dis-ci'ples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

"And he took a cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the cov'e-nant, which is poured out for many unto re-mis'sion of sins. But I say unto you, I shall not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Looking a little way into the future,

Jesus could see what his dis-ci'ples could not yet un-der-stand'. He knew how sad and perplexed they would be when they saw him taken from them, and killed by his en'e-mies. Even now their hearts were troubled as they heard him say, "Yet a little while I am with you." So after the supper was finished, Jesus still talked with his dis-ci'ples. "Let not your heart be troubled," he said; "ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Though Jesus was going away, the work that he had begun would still be carried on in the earth. Those who loved Jesus would teach all nations how he came to this earth as a little babe, lived a sinless life, and at last died on the cross, that who-so-ev'er would believe on him might not perish, but have ev-er-last'ing life. In order to do this great work, those who believe on Jesus will need special strength and wisdom and power. These he has promised to them.

"Ver'i-ly, ver'i-ly, I say unto you," he declared, "He that be-liev'eth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And what-so-ev'er ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glo'ri-fied in the Son. If ye shall ask an'y-thing in my name, I will do it.

"If ye love me, keep my com-mand'ments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you an-oth'er

"JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND BLESSED, AND BRAKE IT"

Com'fort-er, that he may abide with you for-ev'er; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world can not receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

"I will not leave you com'fort-less: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

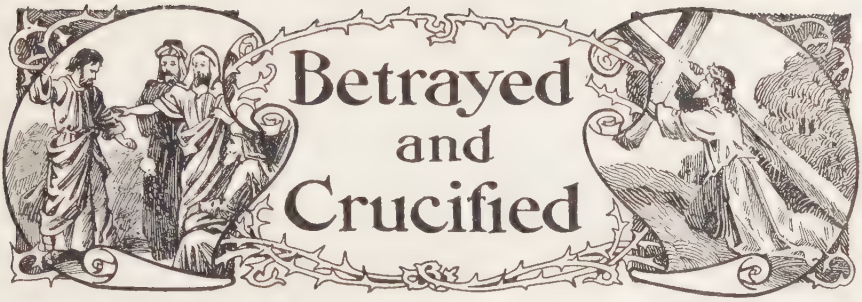
"He that hath my com-mand'ments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will man'i-fest myself to him."

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

"Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

"Here-aft'er I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me com-mand'ment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence."

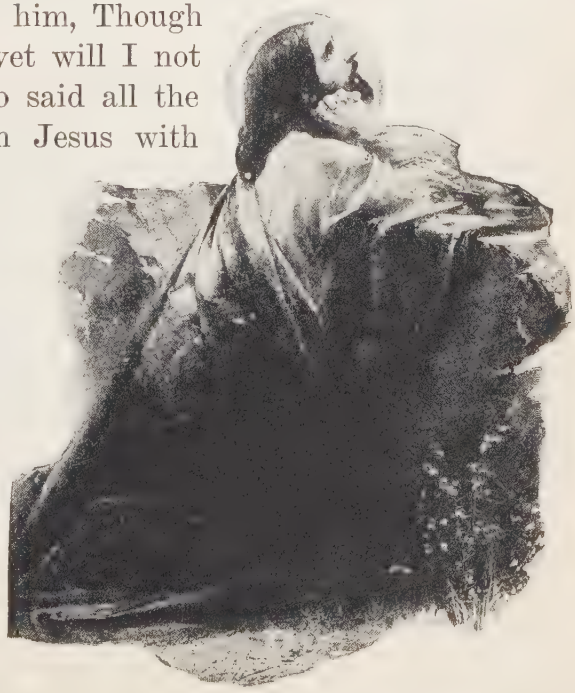
THE SOLDIERS COMING TO TAKE JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE



AND when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives. Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be of-fend'ed because of me this night."

"Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be of-fend'ed because of thee, yet will I never be of-fend'ed.

"Jesus said unto him, Ver'i-ly I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter saith unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the dis-ci'ples. Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Geth-sem'a-ne, and saith unto the dis-ci'ples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zeb'e-dee, and began to be sor'row-ful and very heavy. Then saith he



unto them, My soul is ex-ceed'ing sor'row-ful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

"And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be pos'si-ble, let this cup pass from me: nev-er-the-less' not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the dis-ci'ples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temp-ta'tion: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

"He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

"And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his dis-ci'ples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me."

JESUS BETRAYED

"And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great mul'ti-tude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

"Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whom-so-ev'er I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Master; and kissed him.

"And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art

thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

"And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I can not now pray to my Father, and he shall pres'ent-ly give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

"In that same hour said Jesus to the mul'ti-tudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me. But all this was done that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the dis-ci'ples forsook him and fled."

"Then the band and the captain and of'fi-cers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, and led him away to Annas first; for he was fa'ther-in-law to Cai'a-phas, which was the high priest that same year.

"Then took they him, and led him,

THEY LEAD HIM AWAY, BOUND AS A PRISONER

and brought him into the high priest's house." "And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did an-oth'er disci'ple: that disci'ple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other dis-ci'ple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter."

"And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down togeth'er, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and ear'nest-ly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him.

"And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. And after a little while an-oth'er saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after an-oth'er con'fi-dent-ly affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Gal-i-le'an. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest.

"And im-me'di-ate-ly, while he yet spake, the cock

crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter re-mem'bered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

"And Peter went out, and wept bit'ter-ly."

JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST

"The high priest then asked Jesus of his dis-ci'-ples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake o'pen-ly to the world; I ever taught in the syn'a-gogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.

"And when he had thus spoken, one of the of'fi-cers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, An'swer-est thou the high priest so?

"Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?"

"And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not to-geth'er. And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build an-oth'er made without hands. But neither so did their witness agree to-geth'er.

"And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, An'swer-est thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But he held his peace, and answered nothing.

"Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

"And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

"Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further wit'ness-es? Ye have heard the blas'phe-my: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death."

"And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him. And when they had blind'fold-ed him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Proph'-e-sy, who is it that smote thee? And many other things blas'phe-mous-ly spake they against him."

JESUS BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN

"And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people, and the chief priests and the scribes came togeth'er, and led him into their council, saying, Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: and if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. Here-aft'er shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God.

"Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God?

"And he said unto them, Ye say that I am.

"And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth."

JESUS LED TO PILATE

"When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: and when they had bound him, they

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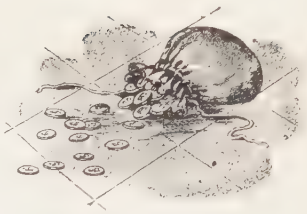
STANDING BEFORE PILATE'S JUDGMENT SEAT



led him away, and de-liv'ered him to Pon'ti-us Pilate the gov'er-nor. Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, re-pent'ed himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the in'no-cent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

"And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and de-part'ed, and went and hanged himself.

"And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treas'-u-ry, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in."

JESUS QUESTIONED BY PILATE

"And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow per-vert'ing the nation, and for-bid'ding to give tribute to Cæsar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.

"And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews?

"And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it.

"Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

"And they were the more fierce, saying, He stir-reth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, begin'ning from Gal'i-lee to this place. When Pilate heard of Gal'i-lee, he asked whether the man were a Gal-i-le'an. And as soon as he knew that he belonged

unto Herod's ju-ris-dic'tion, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Je-ru'sa-lem at that time.

"And when Herod saw Jesus, he was ex-ceed'ing glad: for he was de-sir'ous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some mir'a-cle done by him. Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing.

"And the chief priests and scribes stood and ve'he-ment-ly accused him. And Herod with his men of war set him at naught, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

"And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends to-geth'er: for before they were at en'mi-ty between themselves."

JESUS MOCKED AND SCOURGED

"Then Pilate entered into the judg'ment-hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the king of the Jews?

"Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

"Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have de-liv'ered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be de-liv'ered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

"Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

"Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the Pass'o-ver: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

"Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Bar-ab'bas. Now Bar-ab'bas was a robber.

"Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

"Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!

"When the chief priests therefore and of'fi-cers saw him, they cried out, saying, Cru'ci-fy him, Cru'ci-fy him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and cru'-ci-fy him: for I find no fault in him.

"The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

"When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judg'ment-

"BEHOLD THE MAN"

hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to cru'ci-fy thee, and have power to release thee?"

Jesus answered, "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above."

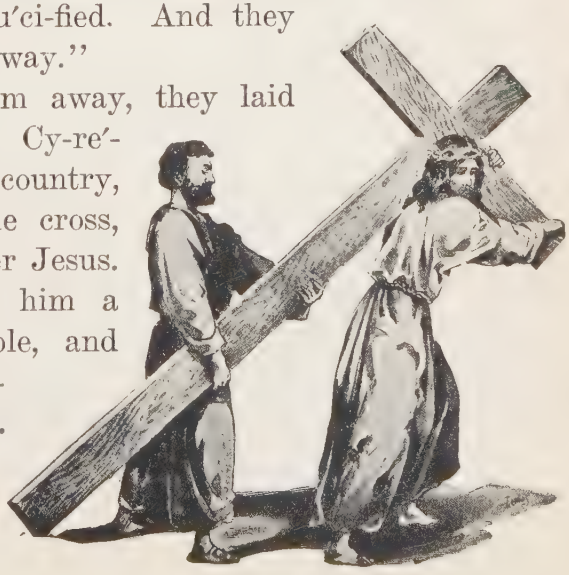
"And from henceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend: who-so-ev'er maketh himself a king speaketh against Cæsar.

"When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judg'ment-seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gab'ba-tha. And it was the prep-a-ra'tion of the Pass'o-ver, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

"But they cried out, Away with him, away with him. Cru'ci-fy him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I cru'ci-fy your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar. Then de-liv'ered he him therefore unto them to be cru'ci-fied. And they took Jesus and led him away."

"And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cy-re'-ni-an, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

"And there followed him a great com'pa-ny of people, and of women, which also bewailed and la-ment'ed him.



But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Je-ru'-sa-lem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children."

"And there were also two other, mal-e-fac'tors, led with him to be put to death.

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Cal'va-ry, there they cru'ci-fied him, and the mal-e-fac'tors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

"And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood be-hold'ing. And the rulers also with them de-ri'ded him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and of'-fer-ing him vin'e-gar, and saying, If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself.

"And a su-per-scrip'tion also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

"This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was cru'ci-fied was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written."

"And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, and saying, Thou that de-stroy'est the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

"Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he can not save. If he be the King of Is'ra-el, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him de-liv'er him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God."

"And one of the mal-e-fac'tors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other an'swer-ing re-buked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same con-dem-na'tion? And we in-deed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done noth-ing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, re-mem'ber me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Ver'i-ly I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in par'a-dise."

"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cle'o-pas, and Mary Mag'da-lene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the dis-ci'ple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the dis-ci'ple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that dis-ci'ple took her unto his own home."

"Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sa-bach'tha-ni? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou for-sa'ken me?"

"Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for E-li'as. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vin'e-gar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether E-li'as will come to save him."

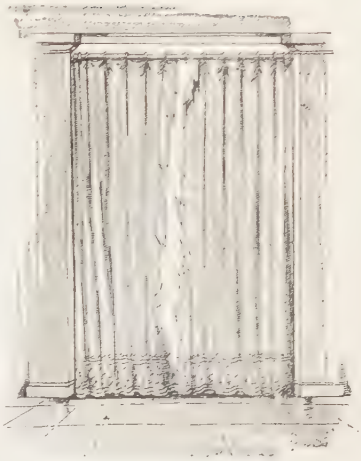
"After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now ac-com'plished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vin'e-gar: and they filled a sponge with vin'e-gar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vin'e-gar, he said, It is finished."

"And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."

"And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his res-ur-rec'tion, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the cen-tu'ri-on, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly, this was the Son of God."

THE PIERCED SIDE

"The Jews therefore, because it was the prep-a-ra'tion, that the body should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day (for that Sabbath was an high day), besought Pilate that their legs might be broken,

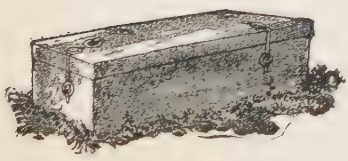


and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was cru'ci-fied with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead al-read'y, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true: that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again an-oth'er scripture said, They shall look on him whom they pierced."

IN A NEW TOMB

"And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a coun'sel-or; and he was a good man, and a just (the same had not con-sent'ed to the counsel and deed of them); he was of Ar-i-ma-thæ'a, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sep'ul-cher that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

"And that day was the prep-a-ra'tion, and the Sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with him from Gal'i-lee, followed after, and beheld the sep'ul-cher, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared



TABER PRANG

ON THE WAY FROM THE CROSS TO PLACE JESUS IN JOSEPH'S NEW TOMB

spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day ac-cord'ing to the com-mand'ment."

"Now the next day, that followed the day of the prep-a-ra'tion, the chief priests and Phar'i-sees came to-geth'er unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we re-mem'ber that that de-ceiv'er said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sep'ul-cher be made sure until the third day, lest his dis-ci'ples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

"Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sep'ul-cher sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch."

"HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN"

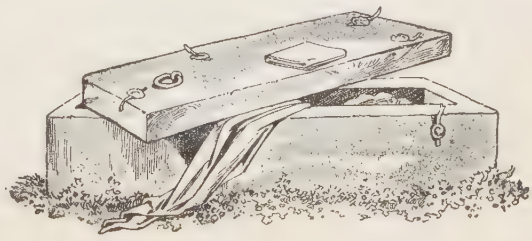
He is Risen

IN the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Mag′da-lene and the other Mary to see the sep′ul-cher.

"And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord de-scend′ed from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His coun′te-nance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was cru′ci-fied. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his dis-ci′ples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Gal′i-lee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they de-part′ed quickly from the sep′ul-cher with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his dis-ci′ples word."

Then Mary Mag′da-lene "cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other dis-ci′ple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have

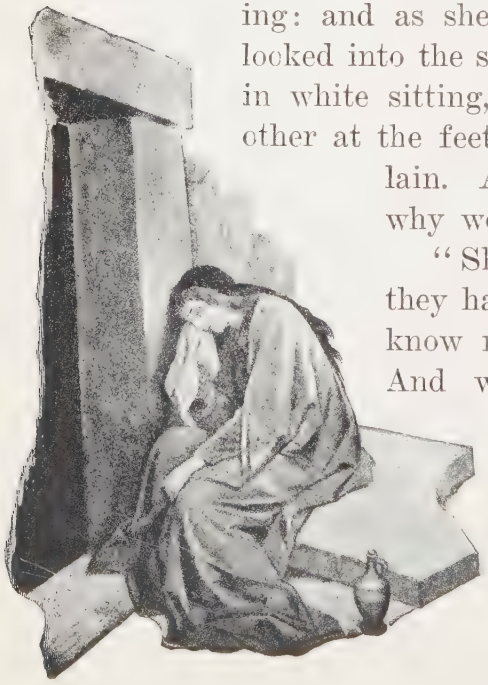


taken away the Lord out of the sep'ul-cher, and we know not where they have laid him.

"Peter therefore went forth, and that other dis-ci'ple, and came to the sep'ul-cher. So they ran both to-geth'er: and the other dis-ci'ple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sep'ul-cher. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

"Then cometh Simon Peter fol'low-ing him, and went into the sep'ul-cher, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped to-geth'er in a place by itself. Then went in also that other dis-ci'ple, which came first to the sep'ul-cher, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the dis-ci'ples went away again unto their own home.

"But Mary stood without at the sep'ul-cher weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sep'ul-cher, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?



"She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus."

Very gently Jesus spoke

to Mary. "Woman," he said, "why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?"

"She, sup-po'sing him to be the gar'den-er, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

"Jesus saith unto her, Mary.

"She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rab-bo'ni; which is to say, Master.

"Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet as-cend'ed to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

"Mary Mag'da-lene came and told the dis-ci'ples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her."

JESUS APPEARS TO THE WOMEN

"And as they [the women who had gone early in the morning to the sep'ul-cher] went to tell his dis-ci'ples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshiped him.

"Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Gal'i-lee, and there shall they see me.

"Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and showed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were as-sem'bled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His dis-ci'ples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the gov'ernor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So

they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is com'mon-ly re-port'ed among the Jews until this day."

ON THE WAY TO EMMAUS

"And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Em'ma-us, which was from Je-ru'sa-lem about threescore furlongs. And they talked to-geth'er of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed to-geth'er and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

"And he said unto them, What manner of com-mu-ni-ca'tions are these that ye have one to an-oth'er, as ye walk, and are sad?

"And the one of them, whose name was Cle'o-pas, an'swer-ing said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Je-ru'sa-lem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

"And he said unto them, What things?

"And they said unto him, Con-cern'ing Jesus of Naz'a-reth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: and how the chief priests and our rulers de-liv'ered him to be condemned to death, and

have cru'ci-fied him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Is'ra-el: and beside all this, to-day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our com'-pa-ny made us as-ton'ished, which were early at the sep'ul-cher; and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sep'ul-cher, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And be-gin'ning at Moses and all the prophets, he ex-pound'ed unto them in all the Scriptures the things con-cern'ing himself.

"And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

"And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to an-oth'er, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?

"And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Je-ru'sa-lem,

and found the eleven gathered to-geth'er, and them that were with them, saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread."

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the dis-ci'ples were as-sem'bled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the dis-ci'ples glad, when they saw the Lord.

"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

BY THE SEASIDE

"After these things Jesus showed himself again to the dis-ci'ples at the Sea of Ti-be'ri-us; and on this wise showed he himself. There were to-geth'er Simon Peter, and Thomas called Did'y-mus, and Na-than'a-el of Cana in Gal'-i-lee, and the sons of Zeb'e-dee, and two other of his dis-ci'ples. Simon Peter said unto them, I go a-fish'ing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship im-me'di-ate-ly; and that night they caught nothing. But when the morn-ing was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the dis-ci'ples knew not that

THE DISCIPLES MEET JESUS AT THE SEASIDE AFTER HIS RESURRECTION

it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the mul'titude of fishes.

"Therefore that dis-ci'ple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him (for he was naked), and did cast himself into the sea. And the other dis-ci'ples came in a little ship (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fishes.

"As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

"Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

"Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the dis-ci'ples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise."

"So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?

He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

"He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

"He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Ver'i-ly, ver'i-ly, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and an-oth'er shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

"This spake he, sig'ni-fy-ing by what death he should glo'ri-fy God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me."

GO TEACH ALL NATIONS

"Then the e-lev'en dis-ci'ples went away into Gal'i-lee, into a mountain where Jesus had ap-point'ed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped him: but some doubted.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, bap-tiz'ing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things what-so-ev'er I have com-mand'ed you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE"

"And, being as-sem'bled to-geth'er with them, he charged them not to depart from Je-ru'sa-lem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, said he, ye heard from me: for John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days hence.

"They therefore, when they were come to-geth'er, asked him, saying, Lord, dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Is'ra-el?

"And he said unto them, It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father hath set within his own au-thor'i-ty. But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my wit'ness-es both in Je-ru'sa-lem, and in all Ju-de'a and Sa-ma'ri-a, and unto the ut'ter-most part of the earth."

"And he led them out as far as to Beth'a-ny, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

"And a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stead'fast-ly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white ap-par'el; which also said, Ye men of Gal'i-lee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

INTERNATIONAL

A. TWIDLE, ARTIST

THIS SAME JESUS RECEIVING THE CHILDREN INTO THE HOME HE HAS GONE TO PREPARE FOR THEM

The earthly life of Jesus was ended. He had gone away; and a cloud — a cloud of angels — had hidden him from the sight of the little com′pa-ny who loved him so truly. Long they gazed into the blue sky that had received their Lord; but never again on earth would they look upon that face of love, or hear that gentle voice teaching them, re-prov′ing them, praying for them.

The time is very near when "this same Jesus" will come again and take his children to live in the heav′-en-ly mansions that he has prepared for them. He will come "with clouds, and every eye shall see him." As a cloud of angels received him that day so long ago, so, when he comes to earth the second time, there will be with him "all the holy angels," a "thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands."

Blessed hope — to see Jesus, to be with him where he is! Every one who has this hope in his heart will put away sin, and pray for the pure spirit of the Mas-ter to dwell in his life.

As the dis-ci′ples thought of the words of the an-gels, their hearts were filled with holy joy. And they went back to the city of Je-ru′sa-lem "with great joy: and were con-tin′u-al-ly in the temple, praising and blessing God."